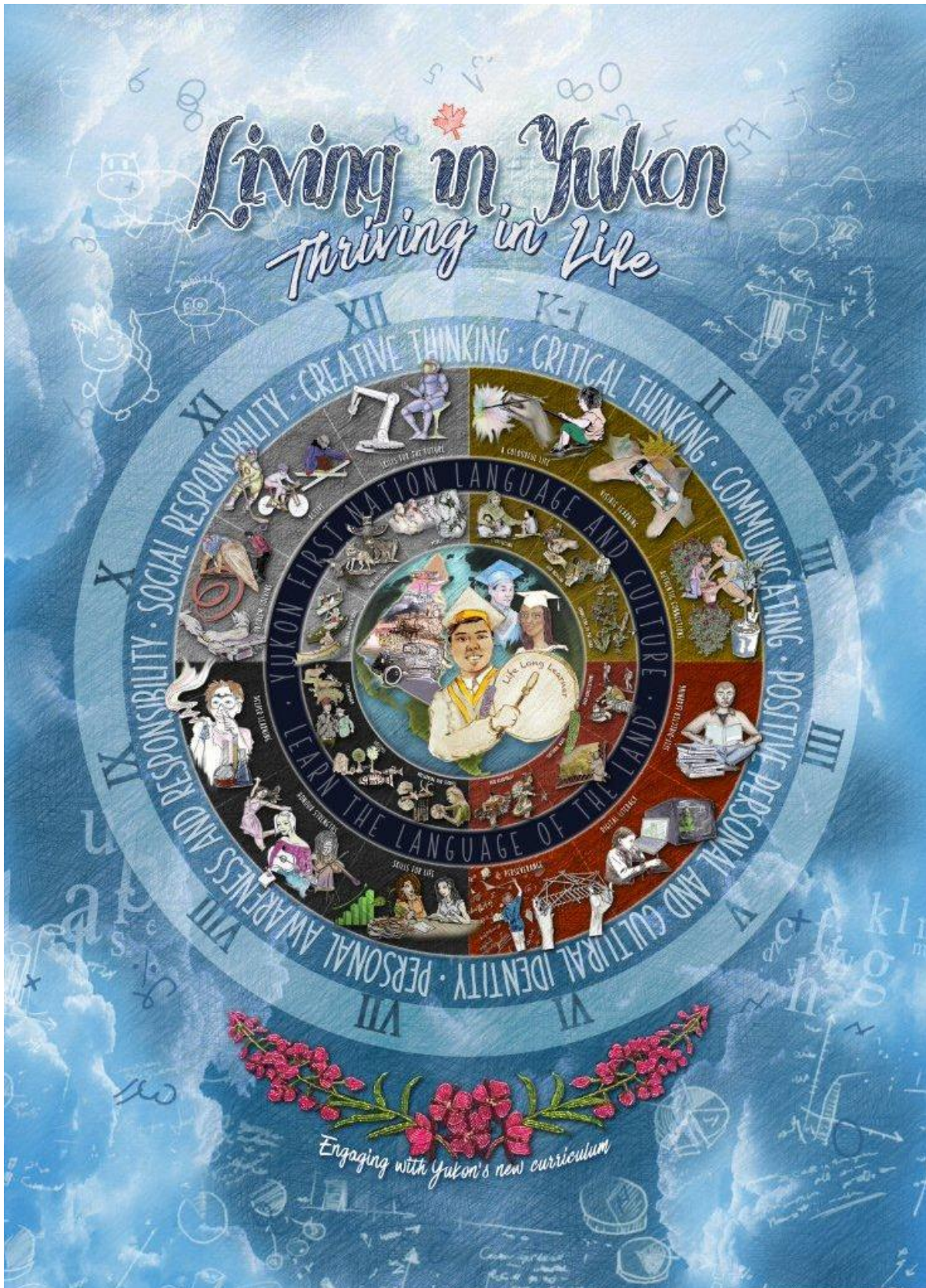


# Educator Update



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## Reporting and Assessment Guidelines: K-12

### Student-self assessment samples and resources:

- Samples and resources are available to help with final reporting and student self-assessment of their core competencies: [Elementary](#), [Secondary](#).
- Please print anything you might need and make adaptations as you see fit.
- Colour copies can be obtained through Queen's Printer. Contact: [queens.printer@gov.yk.ca](mailto:queens.printer@gov.yk.ca) or 667-8573.

## Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

### Graduation Numeracy Assessment

- Teachers must successfully complete a credentialing workshop to be considered as a marker for the Graduation Numeracy Assessment.
- The B.C. Ministry of Education will be sending a qualified individual to Yukon to facilitate a credentialing workshop.
- Teachers who are interested should contact [tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca) **by April 30**.

### Graduation Literacy Assessment

- Please note that the Graduation Literacy Assessment for Immersion students is at Grade 12 only.
- The Grade 10 and Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessments are still under development.
- Learn more about the Graduation Literacy Assessment: [English overview](#), [French overview](#).

### Other assessments:

- Kindergarten assessments wrap up in late April and in early May.
- The reading and writing assessments for Grades 2-9, SWW and DART, wrap up at Easter.

## Curriculum K-12

- **Kindergarten orientations** for new Kindergarten students **should take place in May** before school ends. **Kindergarten orientation packages** are being sent to each school to welcome new students. They include learning materials for the new students and information to plan a successful orientation in May. Contact [betty.burns@gov.yk.ca](mailto:betty.burns@gov.yk.ca) for any questions.



- **K-3 Arts in Education Program:** Examples of lessons that explore the redesigned K-3 Arts program are available on the Curriculum and Assessment website. Check out the [“Raven Brings Light Performance Art” lesson](#) and [other lessons](#).
- Check out this [Tlingit Language resource](#) made by Erica Keenan’s Grades 5-7 class at Khàtinash Community School. This project won them the chance to go on [“Canada’s Coolest School Trip”](#) through a national contest with Parks Canada.
- **The Kids on the Farm program** facilitates hands-on learning opportunities for students in K-12. Tours of local farms can be booked through the [Kids on the Farm web page](#) and explore plants and animals, where food comes from, nutrient cycles, food security issues and more.
- **Asian Heritage Month:** Michael Abe and Dr. Yasmin Railton of the University of Victoria will be in Yukon for a presentation on their [Landscapes of Injustice project](#) on May 6. They are also open to working with social studies teachers on lesson plans that address the history of Japanese Canadians and current issues of social justice. Contact [info@hhsy.org](mailto:info@hhsy.org) or Lilian Nakamura Maguire at 667-4563 to arrange a meeting.
- **Yukon Physical Literacy Program (YPLP):** Sport Yukon’s Physical Literacy Coordinator is available to work directly with teachers to integrate the YPLP into their Physical Education programs. Contact Melanie Tait at [Plcoordinator@sportyukon.com](mailto:Plcoordinator@sportyukon.com).
- **Financial Literacy:** Canada Revenue Agenda (CRA) can come to high schools to do a presentation to Grade 10-12 students about setting up “my account” and the CRA app. More info: [Karen.Martin2@cra-avc.gc.ca](mailto:Karen.Martin2@cra-avc.gc.ca) or 604-666-1282.

## Professional Learning opportunities

- Yukon College and Simon Fraser University Faculty of Education are considering hosting a Yukon-based professional doctorate in Education (EdD) that would start in Fall 2020. The possibility of the program is based on interest. If interested, contact [blewthwaite@yukoncollege.yk.ca](mailto:blewthwaite@yukoncollege.yk.ca).
- **Webinar opportunities:**
  - [John Hattie: Building and Developing Assessment-Capable Learners](#)
  - [Tom Schimmer Assessment Webinar Series: Part 3 of 3](#)

## Learning networks

Thank you to all educators for your work to innovate your practice and to do “what matters most” for your students. This is the theme of the upcoming [Network of Inquiry and Indigenous Education \(NOIIE\) Symposium](#). The following educators have agreed to present their learning at the NOIIE Symposium this year:

- Mindy Anderson, Elijah Smith Elementary School
- Denise McDiarmid, Hidden Valley Elementary School
- James Mitchell, Hidden Valley Elementary School
- Cyndi O’Rourke, St. Elias Community School, Haines Junction
- Ryan West, Chief Zzeh Gittlit School, Old Crow

- Alethea Wallace, JV Clark School, Mayo

## Other opportunities for schools

- **Premier's Award for Excellence and Innovation:** The nomination period is open **until April 26 at 5:00 p.m.** Nominate a teacher or group of teachers who is showing outstanding achievement or innovation in your field. [Find out how to submit a nomination.](#)
- **Excellence in Education Awards:** You can also nominate a teacher for an Excellence in Education Award **by May 10.** [Learn more about the award](#) and find out how to submit a nomination.

## Resources for educators

- [Curriculum and Assessment website](#)
- [Student Support Services website](#)
- [Digital classroom tools](#)
- [B.C. Curriculum website](#)

## Action items for consideration

- Sign up to be a credentialed marker for the Graduation Numeracy Assessment. Contact [tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca) **by April 30.**
- Nominate a teacher or group of teacher for the Premier's Award for Excellence and Innovation. [Submit a nomination](#) **by April 26.**
- [Submit a nomination](#) for the Excellence in Education Awards **by May 10.**
- Check out the webinar opportunities (see [Professional Learning opportunities](#) section)