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Finalized 2021-22 School Calendars

A complete list of school calendar dates for all Yukon schools are now available @ [Yukon.ca/school-holiday-dates](https://www.yukon.ca/school-holiday-dates). For Whitehorse schools:

- Thursday, August 19 and Friday, August 20 2021 are PD days
- The first day of school for students is now Monday August 23, 2021
- The last day of school for students is now Wednesday June 15, 2022.
- Spring break dates are now Monday, March 7 to Friday, March 18, 2022

For all schools, Christmas break dates are now Dec. 20, 2021 to Jan. 3, 2022. All school non-instructional days have been set. Key school calendar dates are currently available up until the 2022-23 school year on [Yukon.ca](https://www.yukon.ca). Key dates for 2023-24 & 2024-25 will be available by the end of this school year to help schools and school communities with planning.

Reporting and Assessments

Reminder: This Year's Grade 12 Students and the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment

This year's Grade 12 students are not required to write the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment, including Évaluation de littératie de la 10e année – Français langue première. The BC Ministry of Education is now automatically applying exemptions to all students in Grade 12 on the BC Graduation Program (2018).

PD Opportunity: Join the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment Development Team

Do you have experience with provincial/territorial or national assessments? Do you have experience teaching a variety of subjects? Do you have experience developing assessments? Have you participated in marking provincial/territorial assessments? If you answered yes to any of these questions and may be interested in joining the team, contact Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca. Developers are compensated for their work and for homework assignments by the BC Ministry of Education.

Spring/Interim Submission of Data to TRAX

This is a reminder that schools should submit their TRAX Spring/Interim Data by April 23, for courses ending in June 2021. Interim transcript files will be provided to [six B.C. post-secondary institutions \(PSIs\), the University of Alberta and University of Calgary](#) on May 6, where authorized by the student through



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the [StudentTranscripts Service](#). Schools can also send in any corrected or additional course data at this time via their TRAX Data Upload (DEM, CRS, XAM files) on the [School Secure Web](#). Schools are also encouraged to submit data regularly to keep student transcripts up to date since [22 B.C. PSIs and the Ontario Universities' Application Centre \(OUAC\)](#) can now receive ongoing transcript updates electronically throughout the year, where authorized by the student. Need help? Anne.Copland@yukon.ca

Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections for 2021 Graduates

Please remind graduating students to make their PSI selections in the StudentTranscripts Service (STS). Students wishing to send May interim marks to one of [six B.C. PSIs, U of Alberta or U of Calgary](#) must place orders by Apr. 23. Also, [22 B.C. PSIs and the Ontario Universities' Application Centre \(OUAC\)](#) can now receive interim marks and transcript updates electronically throughout the year (when authorized by the student).

Resources for Educators

Microsoft Lens

[MS Lens](#) is an app that can be loaded onto your phone or tablet that scans documents (whiteboards, handwritten notes, receipts, signs, etc.). You can save as an image, a .pdf, a Word doc., PowerPoint doc. to OneDrive or to your photo library. Connect Lens with your [@yesnet.yk.ca](#) account and keep track of your files in OneDrive so you can access the scans from anywhere at any time.

From Yukon to the Tar Pits: A 3-Part Ice Age Journey

Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre has partnered with the [La Brea Tar Pits & Museum](#) in Los Angeles, California to create this 3-part webinar series. This webinar is open to all ages, but was designed for students in grades 6 to 12. Registration is required here: <https://nhmlac.as.me/yukon-to-tarpits>. More info: keshah.austin@yukon.ca or call 867-332-8590.

World's Largest Lesson

Teach and learn about Sustainable Development and the Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

Using Minecraft in Teaching for Grades 3-10 1-hour Info Session

Microsoft, with their partner [Logics Academy](#), is providing Canadian teachers with custom access to the second annual Minecraft challenge. This year the theme is Future Frontiers - Earth, the Moon, Mars and beyond! [Register](#), then attend the info session or view the recording, then you can decide your time commitment, from just giving students access, to using the 6 lesson plans in class and helping students with their Challenge entry, and everything in between.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Reminder: Developing Numeracy in the Thinking Classroom

Peter Liljedah's final after school sessions on developing numeracy in the thinking classroom is Apr. 14 for Grades 8-12 and Apr. 15 for K-7 teachers from 3:30-5:00. Apr. 30 is the final full day session for K-12.

Numeracy Recovery: [How Do We Close Learning Gaps in Mathematics? Webinar](#)

During this webinar with Sarah Schuhl, you will explore protocols and actions you can use immediately to ensure high levels of learning for every student. Brought by Solution Tree, the recording is now available [here](#).

18th Annual Digital Learning Symposium: Online April 22-23

Leading flexible learning models, environments, and online instructional approaches. [More info](#).

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National Geographic Professional Learning Opportunities

National Geographic offers free [online courses](#) for educators. These courses vary in their lengths and schedules so that busy educators can find a program that fits their needs. Offerings include [Teaching Global Climate Change in Your Classroom](#) and [Mapping as a Visualization and Communication Tool in Your Classroom](#).

Nutrition: A Foundation for Mental Resilience on Wed., April 14 @ 10 AM

What we put in our bodies is critical for both our physical and mental health. Join Dr. Bonnie Kaplan, one of 150 Canadian Difference Makers in Mental Health, to learn how nutrition affects brain function and how improving our diets can help us feel less stress, more joy and peak performance. [Register](#).

Other Opportunities for Schools

Virtual Reading Series For Grades 7-12

Joyce Sward and Clare McDowell of FH Collins Secondary School are organizing a "virtual reading series" on April 28- 29, in lieu of the Young Authors Conference this year. Eight Zoom sessions are planned, with writers who will present their work, talk about writing, and offer a writing challenge to the students. [Register](#).

Action Items for Consideration

- Check out the finalized 2021-22 School Calendars @ Yukon.ca/school-holiday-dates.
- Join the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment Development Team Contact: Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca
- Submit TRAX Spring/Interim Data by April 23.
- Remind graduating students to make their PSI selections in the STS.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week like [From Yukon to the Tar Pits: A 3-Part Ice Age Journey](#) for grades 6-12.
- Consider engaging in [PD](#) with colleagues like the webinar: [How Do We Close Learning Gaps in Math?](#)
- Let your students know about the [Other Opportunities for Schools](#).

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- Visit wcb.yk.ca/contests for info about the Safety Culture Contest for K-12 Students. Deadline: May 14.
- The Yukon Education Canoe Program provides wrangling, canoes, and associated gear for spring field trips. Please complete a [canoe booking form](#) by Wed., April 21 for each trip. ?s: Jesse.Jewell@yukon.ca.
- Read the [News Release](#) on Grades 10-12 students returning to full-time in-person learning.
- Complete this anonymous [Microsoft Teams survey](#) from April 6-16.
- Please refer to the [memos](#) about the Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments on Apr. 12-16, for details regarding upcoming assessments.
- Queen's University Post-Grad Math Certificate for BC (and Yukon). [Register](#).
- Yukon-based SFU Master of Education in Numeracy continues to be explored with Peter Liljedahl for Sept. 2022 or 2024. If you are interested and have not already done so, contact Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca. For more info, here is a [similar program that is currently running](#).
- May 12-13 Network of Inquiry and Indigenous Education (NOIIE) Virtual Symposium. [Register](#).
- UBC Transformative Educational Leadership Program (TELP) for BC/Yukon educators starting October 2021/ Application Deadline: July 11. [Apply now](#).

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- International TELP: Starting August 2021/ Application Deadline: May 31. [Apply now](#). [Learn more](#).
- Check out the [2021-22 Graduation Assessment Schedule](#) for the next school year.
- [Learning for a Sustainable Future](#) (LSF) Virtual Climate Action Youth Leadership Forum Mar. 25 – Apr. 27.
- ASCD [2021 Early Kindergarten and Kindergarten Conference](#): [Register](#) to view recordings until May 2.
- The Kids on the Farm Bookings spring farm tour season is May 1 - June 11. [More info and bookings](#).
- April 30 PD day [menu of offerings](#). Have a look at the [recordings from Jan. 15](#) & [recordings from Nov. 20](#).
- Code to Learn with Connected North. [Register](#). High School 10:30am - 2:00pm EST. New date: May 15
- BC Early Years Professional Development (EYPD) – Explore – Learn – Grow: <https://earlyyearsbc.ca/events/>
- Early Childhood Investigations Webinars and recordings: [Early Childhood Webinars](#)
- Go to www.shareedbc.ca to explore resources from the growing curated collection.
- Contact Natalie.Thivierge@wcb.yk.ca for the delivery of lessons in the areas of mental health, digital citizenship and internet safety for grades 6, 8, 9 and 12.
- In the free [@ICTC_CTIC](#) 4-course program, students learn about cyber security. [Enroll your class](#).
- Contact bsherry@takingitglobal.org for free Virtual Field Trips or to engage with an Indigenous Role Model. [Website](#). Online Session Menu: [English](#) or [French](#). ([Session Statistics](#))
- Review the Laser Cutter Resources Page which includes the [Laser Cutter Schedule](#) and FAQs.
- Check out resources built for you: [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#), [Resource Services Digital Resources](#), and [YESNet Portal](#).

Quick Education links for 2020-21 School Year

- [Education updates and supports on COVID-19](#)
- [Updated 2020-21 school calendar important dates](#)
- [Find your school operational plan](#)
- [School bus information and schedules](#)
- [Health and Safety guidelines for K-12 school setting \(updated November 2020\)](#)

Quick Links to Resources on COVID-19 Related Topics

- [COVID-19 Directive 6](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [How to wear a non-medical mask poster](#)
- [Mental health and wellness supports](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Talking and Sharing with Kids and Families on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 and teenagers: Supporting Youth Mental Wellness](#)
- [COVID-19 counselling and crisis support](#)
- [Practice Safe 6](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations](#)