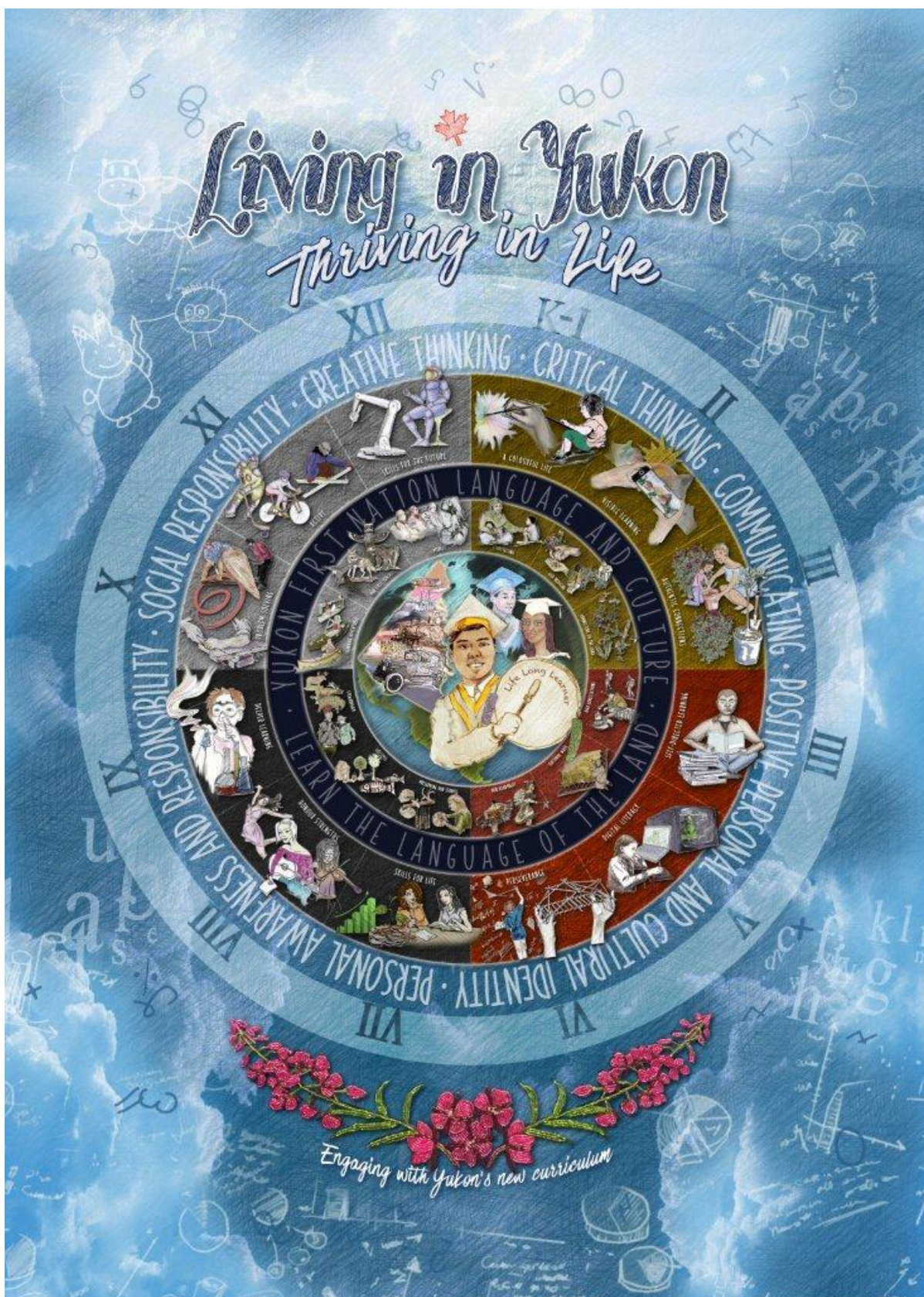


Educator Update



January 2019



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The Educator Update is a new way that we are reaching out to educators on curriculum and assessment, training opportunities and other information that may affect their work. Please check with your colleagues to make sure everyone is receiving it. If not, please send the e-mails of staff who need to be added to our distribution list to paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca.

Reporting and Assessment Guidelines: K-12

Student assessment survey: We are finalizing the student assessment survey with the plan to roll it out February 4 to March 4 at schools who started Option 1 in 2017-18. Please the attached questions we will be asking parents. **These are confidential until the survey is finalized and should not be shared.** There is also a FAQ attached for more information.

Educator feedback: We determined that limiting educator feedback to a survey would not be effective. Instead, if any educators have feedback on the implementation of the new student assessment and reporting guidelines, **please provide your feedback** to an Assessment Committee representative at your school. If you do not have a representative at your school, e-mail paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca. See the list of Assessment Committee representatives in [Appendix A](#). An Assessment Committee meeting will take place in March or April to review feedback.

Assessment resources and opportunities:

New sample interim and final reports: The Curriculum and Assessment team has developed some [new sample interim and final reports](#) and other resources for standards-based grading.

Digital Portfolio Café: There will be an opportunity to share best practices for using digital portfolios at the Vanier Learning Commons after school hours on **Thursday, January 31. E-mail** sofie.maurice@gov.yk.ca.

Ken O'Connor webinar: If you missed this event last month, [check out Ken's webinar](#) on eight guidelines for standards-based grading.

Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

Graduation Literacy and Numeracy Assessments: A reminder that [B.C. recently announced](#) there will now be two Literacy Assessments for students in Grades 10-12. Next year, students in Grade 10 will write a Grade 10 Literacy Assessment. In January 2021, students in Grade 12 will start writing a Grade 12 Literacy Assessment. The Numeracy Assessment is already being used this school year and B.C. is now referring to it as the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment. **Check out** the current Graduation Assessments Transition Chart in [Appendix B](#).

Curriculum K-12

A reminder that the new curriculum for Grades 11 and 12 will be introduced next school year. The new Grade 11 and 12 curriculum is [available on the B.C. website](#). There are also new tools available on the [Curriculum and Assessment website](#), including Learning Map templates, How-to Guides as well as course outlines and unit planners.

Curriculum resources and opportunities:

Curriculum and Assessment video series: As part of our curriculum video series ([Yukon's curriculum](#), [Yukon's curriculum and First Nations](#), [Performance Reports](#)), we will be producing two videos in February: one on student self-assessment and one on personalized and flexible learning. We are looking for teachers and students to participate. **If you are interested** and have a student candidate in mind, please contact kyle.nightingale@gov.yk.ca or call 867-336-0653. You can also contact paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca.

Indigenous Education in Canada: Check out top trends in Indigenous education across Canada in 2018. The [year in review](#) mentions some of the exciting things happening with Yukon First Nations and education.

Other opportunities for schools and students

Destination Imagination: Destination Imagination Yukon is pleased to offer a Skills Workshop on **Friday, January 25 4:30 to 6:30 at F.H Collins Secondary**. This workshop is to assist students with skill development in areas related to DI Team Challenges. If you have any questions, please email diyukon@gmail.com.

Arctic Winter Games Mascot Contest: Schools and students are reminded they can participate in the Arctic Winter Games Mascot contest for the 2020 Arctic Winter Games. **The deadline to submit a design is Thursday, January 31.** Please submit your design to: School Engagement Committee, Whitehorse 2020 Arctic Winter Games Host Society, Suite 300 - 4201 4th Avenue, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5A1. See [December 2018 Educator Update](#) for further instructions.

Yukon Quest Short Story Contest: The Yukon Quest and the Yukon Literacy Coalition are working together to invite all youth to participate in a Short Story Contest. **Submissions are due by Thursday, February 21.** [Check out the webpage](#) to learn more about how your students can participate.

Indigenous story writing contest: Open to Indigenous Youth between the ages of 6 to 29, with up to \$2000 in prizes. Visit the website to learn more about this contest. **Deadline for submissions is March 31.**

Home computers for students

Refurbished computers are available for student home use from Computers for Schools Yukon, a federally funded nonprofit organization with in-kind contributions from Government of Yukon. Depending on the device, there may be nominal fees. To access these computers, teachers or administrators must request the computers on their students' behalf. Schools **should not** use this program to add devices to their school or classroom. Schools should always contact the Department of Education first to discuss emerging technology needs. In addition, IT support cannot be provided for devices students might bring to school. [Learn what is available, fees, and how to request a computer.](#)

Resources for educators

- [Education Canada Magazine](#): you are already a member and [can activate an account](#). Access also provides professional development resources.
- [First Nations teaching resources](#)
- [Curriculum and Assessment website](#) (including past educator updates)

Action items for consideration

- Provide feedback on the Educator Update to paula.thomson@gov.yk.ca.
- Talk to your colleagues and make sure they are receiving the Educator Update. If not, share their e-mail with paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca to be added to the distribution list.
- Share the Student Assessment Survey FAQ with colleagues and parents.
- Provide feedback on the student assessment and reporting requirements with an [Assessment Committee](#) member or paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca.
- [Check out Ken's webinar](#) on eight guidelines for standards-based grading.
- [Sign up](#) to participate in a collaborative session on analyzing YSFA results on Thursday Jan. 24.
- Contact kyle.nightingale@gov.yk.ca or paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca to participate in the Curriculum and Assessment Video Series.
- Check out the [year in review](#) for Indigenous Education trends in Canada.
- Attend the Destination Imagination Skills Workshop on Friday, Jan. 25.
- Get your students involved in the [Yukon Question Short Story Contest](#).
- Get your students involved with the Arctic Winter Games Mascot Contest.
- Get your students involved with the [Indigenous story writing contest](#).
- [Activate your account](#) for Education Canada's online Magazine.

Appendix A: Assessment Committee Contacts

Name	School
Andrew Noble	Ghùch Tlà Community
Morgan Douglas-Alexander	Tantalus
Laurie Berglund	Robert Service
Melissa Flynn	Robert Service
Marilyn Fradsham	Del Van Gorder
Maggie Mann	St. Elias Community
Alyce Johnson	Kluane Lake
Lynette Lo	Eliza Van Bibber
Paul McFadyen	Del Van Gorder
Rea Postoloski	Khàtinas.àxh Community
JF Blouin	École Émilie-Tremblay
Julie Bourdeau	École Whitehorse Elementary
Sharon Choy	Jack Hlland
Anie Desautels	École Émilie-Tremblay
Nora Dimen	Takhini
Jeanette Gallant	Vanier
Linda Hamilton	Porter Creek
Darcy LeBlanc	Golden Horn
Jane McArthur	Elijah Smith
Myriane Parker	FH Collins
Kim Ramsay	Grey Mountain
Trevor Ratcliff	Porter Creek
Vanessa Stitt	Holy Family
Kim Thompson	Selkirk
Heidi Warren	Nelnah Bessie John
Lauren Wallingham	JV Clark
Emily Macht	Christ the King

Appendix B: Graduation Assessments Transition chart

<p>Current Grade 9 Students Graduate in 2021-22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018-19 (Gr. 9): No provincial assessment • 2019-20 (Gr. 10): Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment and Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment • 2020-21 (Gr. 11): No provincial assessment • 2021-22 (Gr. 12): Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment
<p>Current Grade 10 students Graduate in 2020-21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018-19 (Gr. 10): Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment • 2019-20 (Gr. 11): Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (if not already written) • 2020-21 (Gr. 12): Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment
<p>Current Grade 11 students Graduate in 2019-20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018-19 (Gr. 11): Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (if not already written) • 2019-20 (Gr. 12): Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (if not already written)
<p>Current Grade 12 students Graduate in 2018-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018-19 (Gr. 12): Language Arts 12 provincial exam • 2018-19 (Gr. 12): Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (if not already written and if Math 10 provincial exam not written)