

October 3, 2023

Educator Update this week

Literacy and Numeracy Strategies

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Culturally Responsive Literacy and Numeracy Strategies

Yukon Education recently shared culturally responsive [literacy](#) and [numeracy](#) strategies with schools. Both strategies are mandatory for schools operated by Yukon Education, and will be phased in over the next 3 years. Immediate actions are already in place for both strategies and will continue to roll out over the next 3 years. The working groups who developed recommendations that informed the strategies will continue working on key pieces. If you are interested in joining these working groups, please reach out to Tanya.Lewis@yukon.ca.

Please be assured that the strategies will be implemented with strong support for Yukon educators, and you will be well informed of implementation actions along this journey.

Learning opportunities and resources for students and teachers

Moodle Teachers

The Western Canadian Learning Network (WCLN), our Moodle course provider, moved to the StudyForge LTI (Learning Tools Interoperability - the tool that displays course content) system for the 2023 course releases. They are offering a series of training sessions that will focus on the StudyForge (SF) LTI system and some of the features that allow teachers to customize their courses.

WCLN Courses & SF LTI

Main Presenter: Richard Bitgood (SF)

Presentation: SF (for WCLN) support sessions, as follows:

- General SF Overview - Friday, October 6 @ noon.
- How to Change Quizzes - Friday, October 13 noon.
- Other SF Q & A - Friday, October 27 @ noon.

[Sign Up](#) Each session will be 30 minutes, with Zoom link sent-out on the day of the session. Recordings will be made.

Mathology

Mathology licenses are provided for all teachers (K-8). If you have not yet done so, please follow the instructions below to re-activate your account:

Mathology.ca is currently a K-8 on-line Teacher Resource that helps you search for curriculum-focused lessons, teach using on-line tools that help bring Early Math to life for students, and easily plan lessons.

If you DO NOT already have a Pearson account: Please follow these steps to get started:

1. Click to [complete your registration and activate your account](#)
2. Click the SIGN IN button and enter your username (your email address) and the password entered during registration

If you ALREADY have a Pearson account: Please follow these steps to get started:

1. Go to: <https://etr.mathology.ca> and click SIGN IN
2. Enter your existing username (your email address)
3. Enter your password – if you need to reset your password click the Forgot Password link
4. Copy this key: **6aff706d-d853-4e69-91ee-4f73fa8bac50** into the redemption field and click **Validate**

For future logins go to and bookmark: <https://etr.mathology.ca>

If you require support, please email help@mathology.ca

Find implementation support links to get started with Mathology/ie [here](#)

If you require further support, please reach out to Ann.Larnder@Yukon.ca 867-334-3990

Locally Developed Curriculum Committee for SY23/24 - call for members

What does the Committee do? The Locally Developed Curriculum (LDC) Working Committee will review submitted curriculum applications for approval to offer in a school based on its localized context and needs. The LDC Working Committee will approve or disapprove the proposed course based on guidelines set out by the BC Ministry of Education, with adaptations made by Yukon Department of Education. Courses not approved will be provided with suggestions for improvement or justifications as to why the course may not be approved.

Membership: Memberships will be by invitation or appointment by the Department of Education for a one-year term. All work of the LDC Committee is confidential. Hotel and travel costs will be covered for members to meet in-person. The LDC Committee will meet a minimum of two in-person meetings per school year. The dates will be determined by the Department of Education Curriculum Consultant as course applications are submitted and/or other responsibilities require.

The LDC Committee may be asked to give feedback via email or in TEAMS (a sharing platform in Microsoft Office). In the event a committee member wishes to step down, the Department of Education will be responsible for filling the vacant membership. There will be no financial remunerations to members or organizations for participating in the committee.

If you are interested in participating, please contact emily.sheppard@yukon.ca by end of October 27, 2023 at the latest.

Benchmark Assessments (BAS) and School Wide Writes (SWW) FALL

- Fall BAS and SWW should be completed for students in Gr. 2-9, including data entry, by the Friday before the Thanksgiving holiday (October 6, 2023).
- BAS and SWW continue to be optional for Gr. 4 and 7 as Yukon Foundation Skills Assessment (YFSA) data can be used for similar purposes.
- For information on administration please login to [Rapid Identity](#), open the Teams app, and locate the [Assessment/BAS/SWW/FSA Team](#). Open the Assessment Channel and open the SWW or BAS tab. Open the Files tab at the top of the page and you can download the PDF instructions.
- Entering data into Aspen info can be found at <http://www.yukonsis.ca/teachers.html>
- Please contact any of the consultants listed below with questions or requests for support.
 - Grades 2-3: Ann.Larnder@Yukon.ca, or Emily.Sheppard@yukon.ca
 - Grades 4-7: Nikki.Krocker@Yukon.ca, or Emily.Sheppard@yukon.ca
 - Grades 8-9: Marjorie.MacDonald@yukon.ca or Emily.Sheppard@yukon.ca

Yukon Foundation Skills Assessment (YFSA)

Assessment administration will run from **Oct. 2 to Nov. 10**. Please visit the [Foundation Skills Assessment \(FSA\) web page](#) for the updated calendar of important FSA dates.

If you would like classroom assistance administering the YFSA please contact Nikki.Krocker@yukon.ca or Marjorie.MacDonald@Yukon.ca

There will be online **YFSA refresher sessions Tuesday Oct. 3 and Wednesday Oct. 4 from 3:30pm – 4:15 pm**. The link to join is [here](#).

Grades 3 – 8 educators interested in an opportunity to gather with colleagues from across the territory in a standards-based collaborative marking session of the YFSAs on Nov. 14-15, 2023 are encouraged to contact nikki.krocker@yukon.ca

Connected North

Connected North has resumed for this year with some changes! Join in a 30-minute info session listed below to hear about updates, new sessions, and to have all your questions answered.

New to Connected North? [Register at the booking site](#) with your @yesnet email address and receive 20 credits to get started. All registered teachers can order a hard copy of the new Session menu by checking the box in 'Settings' [on the booking site](#).

Connected North Info Session - Thursday, Oct 5th - 3:15 - 3:45 pm

<https://takingitglobal.zoom.us/j/99767354599>

Connected North Info Session - Thursday, Oct 12 - 3:15 - 3:45 pm

<https://takingitglobal.zoom.us/j/99767354599>

Please reach out to your school leads Brenda Sherry bsherry@takingitglobal.org or Jennifer Maniowabi jenniferm@takingitglobal.org if you prefer to meet at a different time or if you have any questions.

Health Promotion Presentations

The Department of Health and Social Services' Health Promotion Unit (HPU) offers several school-based presentations for students, educators, and parents. The HPU is also available to help you plan and implement a Health Week at your school.

To learn more or book a presentation, please email health.promotion@yukon.ca.

Sexual health education

Curriculum competencies: Physical Health Education

Body parts and safe touch Grade K-3 (30 minutes)

Puberty and reproduction Grade 4-7 (70 minutes/40 minutes)

Sexual decision-making Grade 8-12 (60 minutes)

For educators: Comprehensive Sexual Health Education (CSHE) (60 minutes).

This presentation focuses on teaching about the emotional, physical, and social aspects of sexuality.

Parent Talk: Comprehensive Sexual Health Education (CSHE) (60 – 90 minutes)

This presentation covers what we teach and when, the resources we use/offer and ways that grown-ups can become approachable adults to the young people in their lives.

Quick Links

- Check [Teams](#) for the PD opportunities
- [School health and safety during COVID-19](#)
- [Mental health and wellness support](#)
- [Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Recovery Plan](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada free resources and support](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)
- [Yukon vaccination clinics and information about the vaccine](#)
- [First Nation School Board](#)