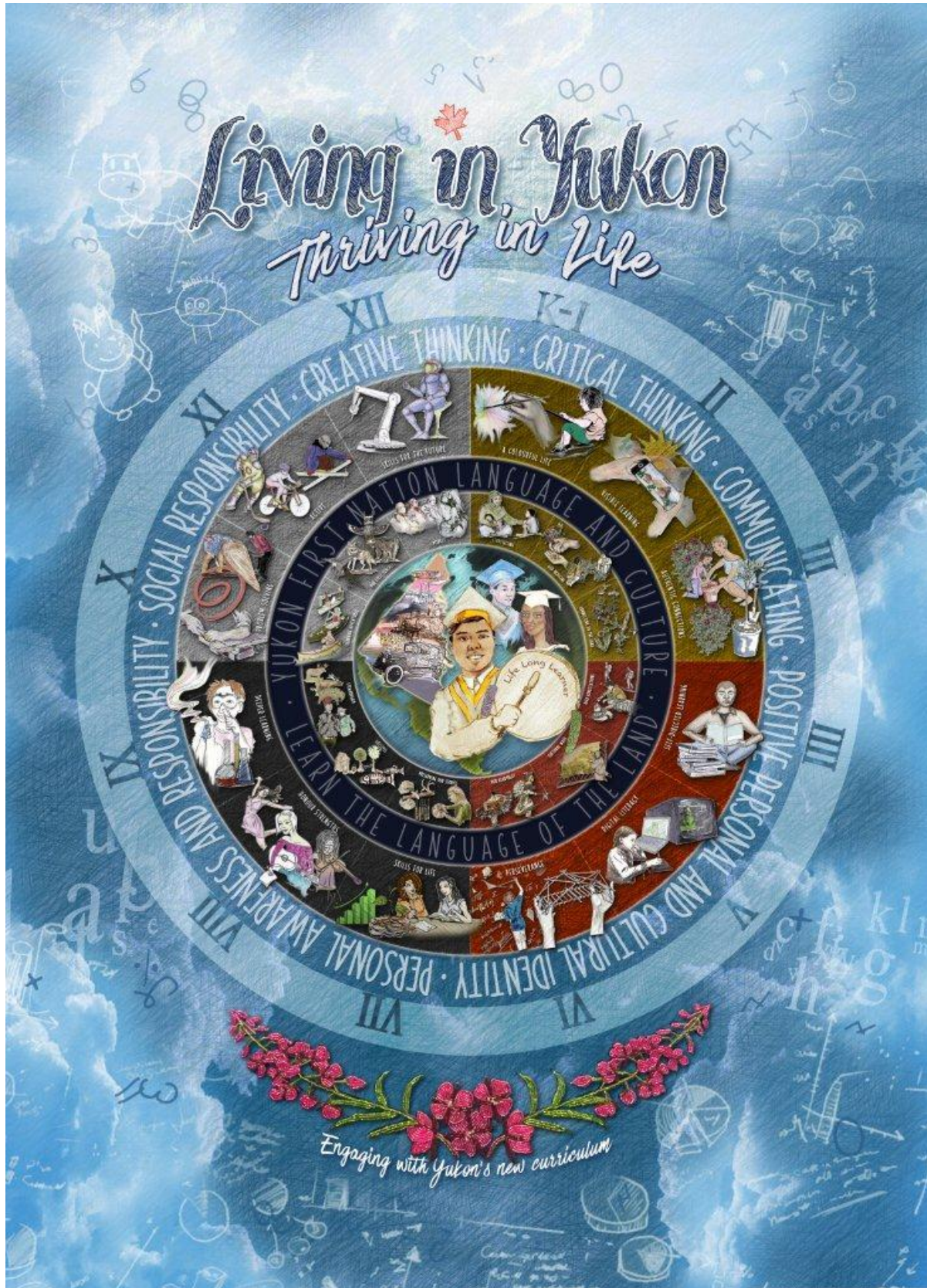


Educator Update

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Message from the Minister



To all educators, I hope your 2018-19 school year is off to a great start!

As educators, you have the most direct impact on student success. As we move forward in modernizing Yukon's education, it is you who have the most influence over the transformation of a student's learning every day.

You inspire our learners to achieve their best and help them discover their interests and passions. You help prepare Yukon's young people to thrive in their lives and contribute to their communities. Thank you for taking on all the challenges that come with this work.

This year, we will all continue learning together with students as we continue implementing the new

curriculum. Just as we ask students to embrace lifelong learning, we too need to have a growth mindset for our professional learning. I encourage you to consider joining your school's teacher learning network, or pursue the many professional learning opportunities available to you.

We are here to support you in your work with Yukon students. The Department of Education, your school community, Yukon First Nations and community partners are all ready to help you and your students succeed. I am very proud to support you on this learning journey.

New curriculum: K-10

New Grade 10 curriculum: As you know, we are starting to use the new curriculum for Grade 10 this year. The Grade 10 curriculum is available online in both [English](#) and [French](#).

Important highlights include:

- All students in Grade 10 must complete a self-assessment of the core competencies.
- English 10 now offers students more choice within 2-credit courses in English Language Arts and English First Peoples. [Check out the B.C. website](#) to learn more about the different courses available.
- Career Education now stands alone and is no longer partnered with the Health curriculum.
- Planning 10 is no longer available. This year, Career Life Education and Graduation Transitions are the two 4-credit courses available to meet the 8 credit requirement in Career Education. [Learn more.](#)
- The Health Curriculum is now combined with the Physical Education Curriculum.

Indian Residential School Unit In-Service: Oct. 2-4, 2018, at the High Country Inn.

This in-service is mandatory for all teachers new to teaching the Social Studies 10 Indian Residential Schools Unit. [More info:](#) Flora Asp, First Nations



Curriculum Consultant at 336-3042 or Flora.asp@gov.yk.ca.

Integrating Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (ADST) PD Day: Nov. 2 at Golden Horn Elementary School.

Full day workshop open to all primary and intermediate educators that will explore integrating ADST K-3 or 4-7. Educators from other schools may submit applications for [local PD](#) to the YTA at least 14 days in advance. This is a repeat of the workshop held on April 27. The workshop will explore:

- The Design Process: Ideating, making & sharing
- The Makerspace: Creating an ADST climate in your classroom
- How to use ADST to create cross-curricular activities
- ADST and the connection to core competencies
- The new Nelson Science resource

For more info:

Primary: Betty.Burns@gov.yk.ca or Mike.Snider@gov.yk.ca

Intermediate: Jesse.Jewell@gov.yk.ca or Chris.Stacey@gov.yk.ca

New curriculum resources:

Grade 10 YFN Elaborations: The Yukon First Nations elaborations for Grade 10 will be modified this year. All drafts require feedback and support from the First Nations before distribution. We will be discussing the drafts with Yukon First Nations governments in the coming months. They will be available as PDFs when this is complete.

Agency in the Schools: There are several new approved resources from our partners in place:

- Codemakers for Grades 3-7 by Yukon College
- Mental Health for Grades 6-7 and Head First for Grades 4-7 by Yukon Workers Compensation Health & Safety Board
- Invasive Species of the Yukon for Grades 10-11 Science by Yukon Invasive Species Council

Video series: Please share and use these videos with students and parents to help with their understanding of the new curriculum:

Yukon's school curriculum:

English: <https://youtu.be/YSOGPDLdkRU>

French: <https://youtu.be/C3uCMM-fXzk>

Yukon's school curriculum and Yukon First Nations:

English: <https://youtu.be/eSNuoXWeJ30>

French: <https://youtu.be/eSNuoXWeJ30>

Yukon's performance report cards:

English: <https://youtu.be/f4zWF-ZkF3Y>

French: <https://youtu.be/OayUZQGNxBE>

Further curriculum resources

- [The Curriculum and Assessment Unit Website:](#) Check out Planning Tools and Assessment Tools under the Curriculum Implementation tab. Also check out the page of each of the curriculum consultants.
- [The First Nations Programs and Partnerships Website:](#) Check out the Resources button.
- [Instructional samples](#) from B.C.'s website
- [ERAC](#)
- [BCTE](#)

Grades 11-12 curriculum implementation

The Grade 11 and 12 new curriculum will be used next school year. It is now available in full in [English](#). French translations will be posted as they are completed, and in full by the end of September.

Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

DART Reading Assessment and School Wide Write (SWW) For Grades 2-9: Data from the DART and SWW for Grades 2-9 are due in the portal by Thanksgiving. DART and SWW are optional for Grades 4 and 7 as YFSA data can be used for similar purposes. More info: Please refer to the DART 2018 – 2019 and



SWW 2018 – 2019 Teachers' Global Conference in the FirstClass e-mail system.

Yukon Foundation Skills Assessments (YFSAs) for Grades 4 and 7: Students can write the YFSAs from Oct. 1-Nov. 9. Materials will arrive at your school by the end of September. More info and sample YFSAs are available on the [B.C. Ministry of Education website](#).

Educators for Grades 3-8 interested in an opportunity to gather with colleagues from across the territory in a standards-based collaborative marking session for the YFSA's on Nov. 19-20 can [express your interest here](#).

YFSA Questions: Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca

Important YFSA Dates	
Sept. 18 (completed), 20, or 24	Online training refresher session for all educators 3:30-4:30 pm
Oct. 1-Nov. 9	YFSA administration
Nov. 15-16	Train the trainer session
Nov. 19-20	Collaborative Marking
Nov. 23	Score entry deadline (done centrally)
November	Booklets sent back to schools
January	Standard setting session
February	Final student results

Graduation numeracy assessment: was made available in June 2018. The previously scheduled August sitting is rescheduled for Nov. 5-7, with the French assessment available on the first day only. The numeracy assessments will now occur in January, June and November each year. See the [Parent/Student Graduation Numeracy Information Brochure](#) for more information.

An updated Graduation Numeracy Assessment Administration Guide Offshore and Yukon Edition – June 2018 is attached. The only change to this document is the link to “Info for parents and students”. If you have posted it anywhere, please replace it.

Graduation literacy assessment: will be available in Jan. 2020. Until then, the current BC Provincial Examination

remains in place. Please see the attached Graduation Literacy Assessment Specifications for the English program. Specifications for the Francophone and French Immersion programs will be available soon. The sample assessments will be available in late fall, following field testing. An information session on the Graduation Literacy Assessment is scheduled for Feb. 19, 2019.

K-12 Assessment Guidelines

All students in Grades K-10 must complete a self-assessment of the core competencies in all schools. More Information and samples: [Elementary](#), [Secondary](#).

Since the last school year, administrators have continued to work with their school communities to determine if their school will follow Option A/1 or Option B/2 in the interim guidelines.

- [K-9 Interim Reporting Guidelines](#)
- [10-12 Interim Reporting Guidelines](#)

All Yukon schools will start using Option A/1, to shift the balance between informal and formal reports and start reporting by learning standards by August 2019. If you are unsure which option your school is following, please ask your administrator.

More Information and samples including standards-based written interim reports can be found on the [Curriculum and Assessment website](#). Any educators interested in joining a book club to learn more about standards-based learning, grading and reporting can contact: tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca.

Communicating Student Learning resource: the latest version is available [here](#).

FreshGrade: is a popular digital portfolio tool with educators. To sign up, please e-mail yukonportfolios@yesnet.yk.ca. You will be sent information to get started. Learn more [here](#).

Aspen: All schools have selected a Standards-Based Learning, Grading, and Reporting PD day and educators are learning about the parent portal and the grade book in Aspen.



Learning Networks

The [2018-19 Learning Networks](#) began with a focus on Standards-Based Learning, Grading, and Reporting earlier this month with Ken O'Connor. Thanks to those who have reached out and are joining together in professional learning in the school year ahead.

Technology Updates

G Suite for Education: Some schools are still waiting on G Suite to be available. We continue to work on a proper implementation and anticipate an update in October.

Certificate errors on personal device: [Read this article](#) on our IT knowledge base to fix the issue.

One-to-One Cost Share: Educators can continue to share the cost of leasing Apple devices. Wave 8 just wrapped up Sept. 14, 2018. [Learn more and sign up for the program.](#)

More information: itss@gov.yk.ca.

Action Items - summary

- Career Cruising Info Session sign-up: Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca.
- Apply to YTA for the Nov. 2 PD day at Golden Horn Elementary: [Local PD](#) online form is required.
- Indian Residential School Unit In-Service, Oct 2-4, 2018 Questions or concerns: flora.asp@gov.yk.ca.
- DART and SWW data is due in the portal by Thanksgiving.
- Join standards-based learning, grading and reporting book club: Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca.
- Download the latest version of the Communicating Student Learning Resource and Professional Development Tool [here](#).
- Digital Portfolio sign-up: ykonportfolios@yesnet.yk.ca.

