

Ways to Learn More about Your Child's School in BC

Parents want their children to be successful in school. You can learn more about your child's education by:

- talking to your child about what he/she is experiencing.
- talking to the Multicultural Worker and/or the Settlement Worker at your child's school.
- talking to your child's teacher if you have concerns about your child's education.
- visiting the Principal or Vice Principal to learn about the school.
- attending the school's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and meeting other parents.

Schools and teachers expect parents to ask questions.

Plagiarism

Each school system has different rules about how much of someone else's words and/or ideas students are allowed to use in their own work. Talk to your child's teacher about the rules regarding this policy.

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Attendance in school is mandatory until age 16, and students are expected to be at school and in class on time.

Homework is part of school life and students are expected to complete work assigned by the teacher. For more information on this please see brochures on homework.

As students get older, they are expected to accept more and more responsibility for their own learning. This includes regular review and prereading of material.

Learning in BC's classrooms occurs in many different ways:

- *working in groups and individually;*
- *students talking and sharing ideas with other students and teachers;*
- *drama and art;*
- *playing games;*
- *singing and music;*
- *gathering information, individually or in a group.*

Memorization is only one way of learning.

In BC, teachers place great value on students learning to be independent thinkers.

Field studies and other out of school learning experiences are an important part of schooling.

Personal Planning and Family Life Education are mandatory parts of the curriculum.

Physical Education is part of the curriculum for both boys and girls. In many schools, boys and girls are in the same PE classes.

Healthy food and daily physical activity are recommended by the Ministry of Education for all learners.

Opportunities for interaction with other English speaking students (e.g. choir, and extracurricular activities) have a positive effect on language learning and pronunciation.

The relationship between teachers and students may be informal. How teachers are addressed by students varies from school to school.