

In 1979, the Greater Victoria School District joined with the Victoria local of the United Native Nations to form a Commission to review and make recommendations regarding the special educational and cultural needs of District Aboriginal Students. The findings of this Commission led to the creation of the First Nations Education Division, which has since become the Aboriginal Nations Education Division [ANED].

ANED today . . .

operates within the Educational Services Department to address the needs of Aboriginal students in our District schools. The work of ANED is guided by the Enhancement Agreement.

Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory:

This Advisory has been established to support the implementation of the Greater Victoria Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Framework. The E.A. is designed to enhance the education achievement of Aboriginal students, and is a working agreement between a school district, all local Aboriginal communities, and the Ministry of Education.

Circle of Connectedness Advisory

Supported by: SD#61 : GVTA : CUPE 947

The role of this district committee is to support Aboriginal student success and work towards making schools inclusive of, and for, Aboriginal students, parents, teachers and community through the District Connectedness Project.

To support the E.A. Goals, ANED works to:

- increase Aboriginal students' sense of place, of caring, and of belonging in the public school system;
- honour and improve relationships between the Greater Victoria School District and the Aboriginal community and parents;
- increase awareness and understanding of Aboriginal history, traditions and culture;
- increase success of all Aboriginal students.

ANED Programs & Services...

Provide a variety of courses/ programs/ services to meet specific needs, as well as strengthen cultural and individual identities and provide academic support for Aboriginal students.

Aboriginal Academic Support & Leadership:

CENTRAL, COLQUITZ, ESQUIMALT, SHORELINE, SPECTRUM, S.J. WILLIS ALTERNATIVE & VIC. HIGH

These courses provide all students with a systematic, balanced view of events and issues in North America from pre-contact to contemporary Canada.

First Nations Art:



CENTRAL, CLOVERDALE, GEORGE JAY, OAKLANDS, QUADRA, TILLICUM, VIC. HIGH, VIEW ROYAL

The art programs point the way for our students to explore and express pride in their cultural roots. The emphasis on flexibility and participation gives all students the opportunity to seek creative expression through graphic arts and woodcarving projects.

The Aboriginal Curriculum & Cultural Integration Program

Awareness sessions on Aboriginal art, culture, legends, history, Métis history and culture, etc., are offered. Requests are coordinated by the ANED office and a resource person contacts the school. Tel. 475-4124

ABORIGINAL NATIONS RESOURCE CENTRE

ANED has now catalogued over 4,500 books and videos on Aboriginal people. District staff, students and the community are welcome to review the materials and to check them out for personal or classroom use. The Centre is located at the ANED Office at the rear of the Tolmie Building [556 Boleskine Road]. Tel. 475-4131

Aboriginal Nations Skill Development Program

CENTRAL, COLQUITZ, CRAIGFLOWER, GEORGE JAY, LAMPSON, MACAULAY, QUADRA, ROCKHEIGHTS, SHORELINE, VICTORIA WEST

ANSDP offers Aboriginal students culturally-attuned assistance to succeed academically.

ANSDP teachers, aided by Aboriginal Education Assistants, assess student needs, modify and culturally enrich materials for students and classes. ANSDP rooms also function as resource centres for all students to learn more about Aboriginal cultures in Canada.



Aboriginal Nations Kindergartens:

GEORGE JAY & CRAIGFLOWER

The Aboriginal Nations Kindergarten teachers and Aboriginal Education Assistants provide a positive, nurturing environment for Aboriginal students in two locations. Elders, parents and community members are involved in the program to encourage learning based on the culture, heritage and history of Aboriginal people. This is a full-day kindergarten program that also provides opportunities for all students to be involved in the cross-cultural activities.

Aboriginal Nations Counseling

Aboriginal Counselors provide an essential support to our Aboriginal students in meeting their individual academic, social and cultural needs in the learning environment. These counseling services are available to all Aboriginal students in the District on either a regular or referral basis.

Additional Aboriginal Support:

- Métis Community Services offer cultural activities, family support, parenting education, counseling, advocacy, Child & Youth Services, employment referrals and community gatherings. *Tel. 250 480-0006*
- Surrounded by Cedar Child & Family Services provide counseling and cultural support to urban Aboriginal children in care as well as delegated services. *Tel. 250 383-2990*
- Nil/Tu'O Child & Family Services provide support services in addition to delegated services. *Tel. 250 544-1400.*

- **Songhees Nation Liaison:** Butch Dick
Esquimalt Nations Student Facilitators:
Cat Thomas & Kelly Hall

Hulitan Social Services

The Family Advancement Worker can be connected through referrals from the ANED district counselors to assist with more in-depth family counseling services for youth five to twelve years of age. **384-9466**

Victoria Native Friendship Ctre./SD#61 EDUCATIONAL LIAISON WORKER

The Liaison Worker [Jim] focuses on building advocacy and successful relationships between the VNFC and Aboriginal families with children attending SD#61 schools, and assists students and their families in supporting goals of academic success. Alysha, the **YOUTH & FAMILY COUNSELOR**, works with Youth ages 13-18. Referrals can be made through ANED counselors, or through contact with the

Victoria Native Friendship Centre 384-3211
231 Regina Avenue, Victoria V8Z 1J6

Note that Homework Clubs are offered at different sites. Contact Jim at the above number.

Métis Nation Of Greater Victoria

This is a registered non-profit organization representing Métis people living in the CRD in re-establishing and strengthening family and community ties.

250 920-0373

Aboriginal Nations Education



Aboriginal Success Through Education

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ANED acknowledges and thanks
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