

Helpful Resources & Programs

BC Environmental Learning & Experience Interdisciplinary Guide for Teachers

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/environment_ed

This guide is provided to assist BC teachers in integrating environmental concepts into teaching and learning. The guide also aims to support the implementation of many of the curriculum packages, complemented by web resources to support environmental learning in diverse subjects such as science, social studies and language arts.

Scientist in Residence Program

www.scientistinresidence.ca

This program is based on partnerships between teachers and scientists, to teach and inspire learning in the sciences. Two teachers and a scientist in residence work together at each school to create and deliver six or more hands-on science lessons on a specific theme. Critical thinking and confidence are emphasized in this K–7 program. Classroom experiments and field trips enhance the curriculum. Lesson plans are available on the website.

Environmental Educators Provincial Specialist Association

www.bctf.ca/eepsa/

EEPSA is a dynamic volunteer organization promoting networking, curriculum support and leadership in environmental education supported by the BCTF.

Project WILD

www.projectwild.org

Project WILD links students and wildlife through its mission to provide wildlife-based conservation and environmental education that fosters responsible actions toward wildlife and related natural resources. Curriculum materials and professional training workshops are available for teachers.

Green Schools Initiatives

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/greenschools/

Green Schools is a BC government run initiatives program focused on the following four themes

1. Supporting students to become aware of environmental issues, promote environmental leadership, and improve sustainable living in everyday life. The BC Green Games, province-wide competition for students designed to motivate environmental action, is part of this initiative.
2. Supporting teachers through curriculum guides that link environmental education to the BC curriculum.
3. Developing sustainability in school communities.
4. Enhancing school infrastructure and transportation systems.

Think Eat Green@School

www.thinkeatgreen.ca

A community university collaborative project on food security and institutional adaptations to climate change.

Agriculture in the Classroom

www.aitc.ca/bc

Various programs that bring awareness and experience with fruit/vegetables are offered: Fruit and Vegetables in the Classroom, Spuds in Tubs, Take a Bite of BC (guest chef helps students cook with local fruits/vegetables). There are also resources for teachers, farm tours and BC agriculture information.

Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition

www.vacc.bc.ca

The Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (VACC) is a non-profit society whose goal is to make cycling an attractive choice for everyone. Through advocacy, education and events, the VACC is metro Vancouver's bicycling resource.

WildED – the BC Spaces for Nature Wilderness Education Program

www.wilded.org

WildED delivers nature education programs to Grades 4–12 across the Lower Mainland. It provides urban youth with the opportunity to experience BC's wilderness in order to develop the next generation of earth stewards.