

Healing the Legacy of Residential Schools (4 – 12)

This program features a documentary film in which adult survivors of residential schools describe their experiences. Participants will experience a short simulated lesson and, depending upon availability, hear from a guest speaker about their personal experience at residential school and its effect on their life.

This program can be emotionally triggering for some participants.

BC Curriculum Connections

Grade 4 Social Studies

- The impact of colonization on First Peoples societies in British Columbia
- The history of the local community and of First Peoples communities

Grade 5 Social Studies

- Past discriminatory government policies and actions, such as residential schools

Grade 8 Social Studies

- Interactions and exchanges of resources, ideas, arts, and culture between and among different civilizations
- Exploration, expansion, and colonization

Grade 9 Social Studies

- Imperialism and colonialism, and their continuing effects on Indigenous peoples in Canada
- Discriminatory policies and injustices in Canada, such as residential schools

Grade 10 Social Studies

- Discriminatory policies and injustices in Canada, including residential schools

Grade 12 BC First Peoples

- Impact of historical exchanges of ideas, practices, and materials among local B.C. First Peoples and with non-indigenous peoples
- Provincial and federal government policies and practices that have affected, and continue to affect, the responses of B.C. First Peoples to colonialism
- Resistance of B.C. First Peoples to colonialism
- Contemporary challenges facing B.C. First Peoples, including legacies of colonialism