

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.

Please be aware that 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