

OUR MISSION

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The TDSB Aboriginal Education Centre offers a range of services for First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their families. The Centre utilizes a holistic approach to enhance the overall achievement of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students throughout the TDSB.

The TDSB Aboriginal Education Centre also provides ongoing guidance and support for TDSB staff that work with Aboriginal students and community members. The Aboriginal Education Centre seeks to create more inclusive learning environments that will enhance the education of all students in TDSB by promoting the infusion of Aboriginal perspectives across the curriculum.

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TDSB ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CENTRE



Our Commitment to Success

We are committed to ensuring the success of all Aboriginal students. Along with infusing Aboriginal perspectives into the curriculum, we have a variety of rich programs and services in the following key areas:

- Student Support
- Community Engagement
- Partnerships
- Curriculum
- Professional Development



Student Support

First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students attend most of the 500+ schools in the TDSB. All Aboriginal students in TDSB seeking academic support or enrichment opportunities must have equitable access to all services offered. The Aboriginal Education Centre reaches students across a wide geographic area by:

- Bringing Aboriginal students together for specific activities (e.g. Student Leadership Programs).
- Offering itinerant support staff specifically designated to meet Aboriginal student needs (e.g. Student Success Teachers and Child and Youth Counsellors).

Community Engagement and Partnerships

Toronto's vibrant and diverse Aboriginal community enhances our capacity to meet the needs of Aboriginal students and to expand the experiences of First Nation, Métis and Inuit youth beyond the classroom. The Aboriginal Education Centre works closely with the TDSB Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee and Aboriginal organizations to identify and address educational issues and concerns that impact upon First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their families.

Community encompasses family. Programs that facilitate parental involvement contribute to students' academic achievement. While enlisting parents as partners, TDSB also recognizes the necessity of assisting Aboriginal families who may face barriers within the school system. Support is available through Community Liaison Workers and Child & Youth Counsellors.



Curriculum

Increased knowledge and understanding of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples promotes richer and more inclusive programs that foster success for all students.

Inclusive curriculum that enables Aboriginal students to see themselves reflected in the curriculum in positive and meaningful ways enhances self-esteem, confidence, interest and motivation, and ultimately, success in school.

Curriculum initiatives in Aboriginal education include:

- The acquisition and development of exemplary resources and materials
- Innovative approaches to curriculum delivery to allow Aboriginal students to demonstrate learning through cultural activities that can be linked to various courses.
- Access to the Aboriginal Education Centre collection of exemplary and authentic resources.



Professional Development

Professional development for TDSB staff is designed to ensure that authentic First Nation, Métis and Inuit perspectives are appropriately included in classrooms, benefiting both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

The Aboriginal Education Centre offers:

- Professional Development that provides support for TDSB staff focusing on culturally appropriate curriculum and strategies that increase student achievement.
- Professional development, mentorship and leadership opportunities for TDSB First Nation, Métis and Inuit staff.