

What does a school staff need to know about First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literacy and Numeracy Promising Practices?

This learning guide is designed for use by instructional leaders and learning communities or as a self-paced study to explore education for First Nations, Metis and Inuit students.



This learning guide is intended for use after accessing the website
Empowering the Spirit! First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education
<http://www.empoweringthespirit.ca/>

Website Overview

This website will provide opportunities to expand your understanding of literacy and numeracy practices from First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives and gain tools and strategies to support all students' success in your community.

Key understandings:

- First Nations, Métis and Inuit students experience greater success as engaged participants when learning is authentic and connected to their personal values and life experiences.
- Inspiring Education calls for a greater integration of multiple perspectives, including cultural perspectives, in learning experiences for all students.
- Literacy has traditionally empowered the spirit by affirming the uniqueness of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures and the interconnectedness of all aspects of creation.
- Numeracy provides First Nations, Métis and Inuit students the opportunity to discover connections on their own and apply strategies to solve real life problems.
- The Collaborative Framework serves as a guide to strengthen collaborative processes between school authorities, parents, communities and other stakeholders, as they work together to improve the educational outcomes of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students. This site focuses on a key aspect of the framework – Culturally Responsive Educational Practices.

Questions for discussion

Literacy Videos and Learning guides:

The Importance of Story Telling:

- Why is storytelling such an integral part of how First Nations, Métis and Inuit elders share knowledge?

Storytelling: Understanding Who We Are:

- How can using stories enhance teachers' practice and their ability to engage students?

Storytelling: Its Many Forms

- Why are forms of storytelling integral to how knowledge is shared and appreciated? How is this valuable to students?

Numeracy Videos and Learning guides:

Exploring Numeracy through Traditional Games

- What are the elements that make up a numeracy-rich learning environment?

Engaging all Students through Numeracy

- How can teachers help students develop the skill set needed for solving multiple kinds of problems?

For more information:

[Moving Forward: Implementation First Nations, Métis and Inuit collaborative Frameworks](#)

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