



CORE PRINCIPLES

Reconciliation Education

A Holistic Approach



Domain: Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives

Aim: To decolonize education and foster a deep understanding of Indigenous worldviews and their interconnectedness with the ocean, water, and climate.

Implementation: By centering Indigenous knowledge and perspectives, Blue Schools Canada aims to create a learning environment that respects and values diverse ways of knowing. This is achieved through:

- Incorporating Indigenous teachings and stories into the curriculum
- Building partnerships with Indigenous communities
- Fostering cultural humility and respect among students and educators

Global Citizenship Education

One Planet, One Ocean



Domain: Interconnectedness and Sustainability

Aim: To cultivate globally minded citizens equipped to address complex ocean and climate challenges with empathy, critical thinking, and a sense of shared responsibility.

Implementation: Blue Schools Canada fosters a sense of global citizenship by emphasizing the interconnectedness of the planet and its inhabitants. This is achieved through:

- Promoting intercultural understanding and collaboration
- Developing critical thinking and problem-*finding* skills
- Inspiring a passion for environmental stewardship and social justice

Ocean-Climate Action

Transformative Pedagogies



Domain: Action-Oriented Learning and Leadership

Aim: To empower students to become agents of change for ocean and climate health through experiential learning and community engagement.

Implementation: By adopting an experiential and transformative approach, Blue Schools Canada equips students with the knowledge, skills, and values to address local and global ocean-climate challenges. This is achieved through:

Providing opportunities for hands-on learning and exploration
Fostering a sense of agency and empowerment
Encouraging collaboration and community-based projects

What does this look like for teaching and learning?

Look-Fors: Through purposefully designed learning experiences that cultivate a stronger connection to Canada's oceanic and freshwater, and promote action to address ocean-climate issues, students will be able to demonstrate the following:

Respect for global unity by acknowledging the interconnectedness and interdependence of all people and living organisms within ecosystems and the Earth's operating systems.

Reciprocity by engaging with peers at varying scales (local to global) through collaborative projects and digital exchanges, sharing knowledge and experiences concerning ocean, water, and climate issues.

Relationship-building by learning from local and global experts and knowledge keepers, sharing their insights and solutions, and contributing to an ongoing dialogue on sustainability at all scales.

Responsibility by recognizing the worldwide impact of local decisions, participating in sustainable behaviours, and championing environmental equity.

As educators, students, and school communities embrace more holistic approaches to learning, a ripple effect is created that helps to shape healthier, more sustainable, and just futures. This collective effort leverages our knowledge and actions to address today's urgent ocean-climate issues.



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