



Curriculum and You

What do you need to know about the upcoming changes to BC's curriculum?

BC curriculum used to be published in **Integrated Resource Packages (IRPs)**. These were sometimes hundreds of pages long for each subject area and grade level. They included many **Prescribed Learning Outcomes (PLOs)** as well as ideas for projects, assignments and related resources.

This is changing!

Changes to BC's Education Plan

According to the BC Ministry of Education, changes to BC's curriculum are intended to provide a "**more flexible curriculum** that prescribes less and enables more, for both teachers and students and a system focused on the core competencies, skills and knowledge that students need to succeed in the 21st century."

Transforming BC's curriculum is a **multi-year process**. Some subject areas and grade levels have already completed the initial process; others are under review.

Learn more:

- <http://tinyurl.com/bced-curriculum>
- <http://tinyurl.com/bced-curriculum-overview>

What Does the New Curriculum Look Like?

Each new curriculum document consists of a single webpage. Each webpage lists the **Big Ideas, Concepts and Content**, and **Curricular Competencies** for that subject area or grade level. This greatly reduces the volume of the prescribed curricula, making them easier to navigate and more flexible.

The focus is less on imparting facts and more on **developing critical thinking skills** and **conceptual frameworks for learning in the 21st century**.

See the new curriculum drafts:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>

What Does This Mean for Teachers?

According to the BCTF, "there continues to be ongoing concerns about the lack of provincial planning and support for the implementation of new or revised curricula." This may mean that some districts and teachers will not wholeheartedly adopt the language of the new curriculum documents until the Ministry of Education provides funding for the training and professional development needs of BC teachers. Be sure to ask your collaborating teacher where they stand!

Learn more about curriculum updates:

<http://tinyurl.com/bctf-curriculum>