



EDUCATION PRIORITIES - ONTARIO

The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program (RHFSP) offers educators free resources to help students (grades K-12) learn more about improving accessibility and inclusion in their schools and communities. These comprehensive materials correspond to curriculum and education priorities in Ontario.

ONTARIO EDUCATION AND EQUITY STRATEGY

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS DISABILITY ACT

SAFE AND **ACCEPTING SCHOOLS**

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENT

CREATING PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS



- Helps students identify and address barriers
- Promotes action plans for change
- Promotes inclusion and acceptance of diversity
- Promotes change in schools and communities through action projects



- Provides a framework to promote accessibility and inclusion
- Teaches accessibility in the built environment
- · Raises awareness of barriers and inclusion
- Encourages action projects for change



- Fosters safe and caring school environments
- Fosters respectful and responsible behaviour
- Teaches inclusion and social responsibility
- Fosters healthy and respectful relationships



- Encourages students to explore their passions
- Provides a framework for community involvement
- Fosters students' sense that they can make a difference
- Promotes constructive discussion of equity and inclusion



- Supports Choices into Action program
- Encourages students to explore opportunities for engagement in schools and communities
- Provides opportunities to explore personal strength, interests and leadership skills
- Engages schools in school-wide activities to promote inclusion and positive school climate





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EDUCATION POLICIES: ONTARIO

The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program supports key Ontario education priorities.

The Safe and Accepting Schools Initiative is a bullying prevention and intervention plan that seeks to create an environment where all students feel safe, included and engaged in schools. The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program (RHFSP) can support the implementation of the strategy by fostering safe and inclusive school cultures that reduce the risk of bullying, and support Ontario's Well-Being Strategy for Education.

As outlined in **Bill 13**, **Accepting Schools Act**, **2012**, building equity and inclusion is a significant priority for Ontario schools. RHFSP gives schools tangible resources to help meet the requirements of the Act by developing positive school climates that are inclusive and accepting.

RHFSP is the perfect tool to support **Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education (EIE) Strategy**, which requires schools to implement equity and inclusive education programs.
RHFSP helps schools embrace diversity and move beyond tolerance to acceptance and respect, thereby supporting the Ministry of Education's goal of making Ontario's education system the most inclusive in the world. As the EIE Strategy confirms "students who feel welcome and accepted in their schools are more likely to succeed academically." RHFSP is therefore also a means to meet the Ministry's goal of raising achievement results overall and closing achievement gaps.

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) mandates accessibility awareness training of all professionals, including teachers. RHFSP resources on accessibility and inclusion, particularly the *Abilities in Motion* toolkit, can provide an excellent framework to support the implementation of the AODA in schools. RHFSP also supports AODA initiatives such as the Ontario Ministry of Education's **The TeachAble Project**, which raises young people's awareness of the barriers people with physical disabilities face and the importance of accessibility. RHFSP aims to generate this same awareness as well as develop students' skills and beliefs that they can be agents for change and contribute to greater cultures of inclusion in their schools and in broader society.

Creating Pathways to Success: An Education and Career/Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools, Policy and Program Requirements, K – Grade 12 (2013) supersedes the Choices into Action program and includes a new framework for having students become confident, independent and effective planners in their academic and personal lives. RHFSP supports this framework by providing materials that instill knowledge and skills for planning as well as encouraging students to explore opportunities for being more engaged in their school and local community.

The **40-hour community involvement requirement**, applied to students in grades 9 to 12, encourages students to become involved in their communities and recognize the importance of civic responsibility and the role they can play in strengthening their communities. RHFSP resources offer students a framework for seeing themselves as difference makers, guiding students to determine their personal passions and the ways in which they can help their communities.

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| Ontario Elementary curriculum | Connection to Rick Hansen |
| (Grades K-8) | Foundation School Program resources |
| English Language Arts (Grades K-8) | The Dick Hansen Stane |
| Listening to understand Speaking to communicate | The Rick Hansen Story: Lesson 1: Making Connections (Grades 1-3) Lesson 2: Setting Goals (Grades 2-4) Lesson 3: Overcoming Challenges (Grade 3) Difference Maker (Elementary): All lessons Abilities in Motion (Elementary): First Impressions and Stereotypes |
| Listening to understand Writing: developing and organizing content Writing: using knowledge of form and style in writing | (Grade 7) The Rick Hansen Story: • Lesson 7: Anything Is Possible (Grades 4-8) Abilities in Motion (Elementary): • Lesson: Everyone Has Abilities (Grade 1) • Lesson: A Day in Your Shoes (Grade 2) |
| Writing: using knowledge of form and style in writing Understanding media texts | Abilities in Motion (Elementary): • Lesson: Assumptions (Grade 3) • Lesson: Assumptions (Grade 8) |
| Reading for meaning Reflecting on reading skills and strategies | Elementary books: Rick Hansen: Canadian Hero Boy in Motion Roll On Secondary book: Rick Hansen: Man in Motion |
| Reading for meaningSpeaking to communicate | Abilities in Motion (Elementary): • Lesson: Accessible or Not? (Grade 6) |
| Health and Physical Education (Grades | |
| Personal skills: • Self-awareness and self-monitoring skills | Difference Maker (Elementary): • All lessons |
| Adaptive, coping and management skills | The Rick Hansen Story: • Lesson 1: Making Connections (Grades 1-3) |

| Interpersonal skills: | Lesson 2: Setting Goals (Grades 2-4) Lesson 3: Overcoming Challenges (Grade 3) Abilities in Motion (Elementary): Lesson: Accessible Classroom (Kindergarten) Lesson: We Are Like Snowflakes (Kindergarten) Lesson: Everyone Has Abilities (Grade 1) Lesson: A Day in Your Shoes (Grade 2) Lesson: Assumptions (Grade 3) Lesson: Accessible or Not? (Grade 6) Lesson: First Impressions and Stereotypes (Grade 7) |
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| | Lesson: Assumptions (Grade 8) |
| Science and Technology (Grades K-8) | The Diek Honean Chang |
| Grade 1: • Daily and seasonal changes | The Rick Hansen Story: • Lesson 5: Wheeling Against the World's Weather (Grades 4-5; will require adaptation for younger students) |
| Grade 1:Materials, objects, and everyday structures | Abilities in Motion (Elementary): • Lesson: Accessible Classroom (Kindergarten) |
| Grade 3: • Strong and stable structures | Abilities in Motion (Elementary): • Lesson: Let's Play! Accessible Playgrounds (Grade 3) |
| Grade 5:Forces acting on structures and mechanisms | Abilities in Motion (Elementary): • Lesson: On the Move (Grade 5) |
| Grade 5: • Human organ systems | Abilities in Motion (Elementary): • Lesson: What's your T10, 11 and 12? (Grade 4) |
| Social Studies (Grades K-8) | |
| Voice informed opinions on matters relevant to their community. | Difference Maker (Elementary): • All lessons |
| Adopt leadership roles in their community.Participate in their community. | The Rick Hansen Story: • Lesson 1: Making Connections (Grades 1-3) |

- Demonstrate collaborative, innovative problem solving.
- Build positive relationships with diverse individuals and groups.
- Investigate moral and ethical dimensions of developments, events, and issues.
- Explore issues related to personal and societal rights and responsibilities.

• Lesson 2: Setting Goals (Grades 2-4)

Abilities in Motion (Elementary):

All lessons

Social Studies: 1-6

Grade 1:

 Demonstrate an understanding that they and other people have different roles, relationships, and responsibilities, and that all people should be treated with respect.

Abilities in Motion (Elementary):

- Lesson: We Are Like Snowflakes (Kindergarten)
- Lesson: Everyone Has Abilities (Grade 1)
- Lesson: A Day in Your Shoes (Grade 2)

Grade 1:

 Describe some aspects of the interrelationship between people and the natural and built features of their community, with a focus on how the features of and services in the community meet people's needs.

Abilities in Motion (Elementary):

 Lesson: Accessible Classroom (Kindergarten)

Grade 2:

 Demonstrate an understanding that there are a variety of countries, continents, physical features, and bodies of water around the world and that their locations can be represented in different ways.

The Rick Hansen Story:

 Lesson 4: Mapping Rick's Route (Grades 4-5; may need to be adjusted for younger students)

Grade 6:

- Explain how various groups and communities have contributed to the goal of inclusiveness in Canada.
- Analyse responses of Canadian governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and individual citizens to an economic, environmental, political, and/or social issue.

Elementary books:

- Rick Hansen: Canadian Hero
- Boy in Motion
- Roll On

Secondary book:

• Rick Hansen: Man in Motion

Abilities in Motion (Elementary):

- Lesson: Accessible or Not? (Grade 6)
- Lesson: First Impressions and Stereotypes (Grade 7)

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| | Lesson: Assumptions (Grade 8) |
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| Grade 6: | The Rick Hansen Story: |
| Analyse and construct different | Lesson 4: Mapping Rick's Route |
| types of maps. | (Grades 4-5) |
| Mathematics (Grades 1-6) | |
| Grade 1: Measurement: measuring using non-standard units; developing a sense of area. | Abilities in Motion (Elementary): • Lesson: Accessible Classroom (Kindergarten) |
| Grade 2:Measurement: measuring length using centimetres and metres. | Abilities in Motion (Elementary): • Lesson: School Inspectors (Grade 2) |
| Grade 4-5: Solve problems involving the addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of single- and multidigit whole numbers. Grades 4-6: Read, interpret, and draw conclusions from primary data. Grade 5: Compare grid systems commonly used on maps. Grade 6: Solve problems that arise from real-life situations and that relate to the magnitude of whole numbers up to 1 000 000. | The Rick Hansen Story: • Lesson 6: Calculating the Distance (Grades 4-7) |
| Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between estimated and precise measurements. | |

| Ontario Secondary curriculum (Grades 9-12) | Connection to Rick Hansen Foundation School Program resources |
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| The Arts: Media Arts (Grades 10-12) | Abilities in Metion (Cocondany): |
| Apply traditional and emerging technologies, tools, and techniques to produce and present media art works. Design and produce media art works. | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): English/Media: Challenge: Picture This! English/Media: Project: Social Media Connects Social Studies: Project: The Arts and Universal Design |
| English (Grades 9-12) | |
| Writing:Developing and organizing contentUsing knowledge of form and style | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): • Design/Technology: Lesson: Inclusive Society |

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| | Social Studies: Challenge: Universal Design Social Studies: Challenge: Policies to Make Education Available to All |
| Oral Communication: Listening to understand Speaking to communicate | Personal Leadership Lesson 3: Presenting for Impact Lesson 4: In-class presentations Abilities in Motion (Secondary): English/Media: Lesson: First Impressions and Identity Labels |
| Reading and Literature Studies: Reading for meaning Understanding form and style Reading with fluency Reflecting on skills and strategies | Secondary book: Rick Hansen: Man in Motion Abilities in Motion (Secondary): Social Studies: Lesson: Peer Advocacy Design/Technology: Lesson: Inclusive Society |
| Media studies: Understanding media texts Understanding media forms, conventions, and techniques Creating media texts | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): English/Media: Challenge: Picture This English/Media: Project: Social Media Connects Social Studies: Project: The Arts and Universal Design |
| Canadian and World Studies (Grades 9- | Š |
| Canadian History Since WWI (Grade 10) | |
| Analyse how various significant individuals, groups, organizations, and events have contributed to the development of identities, citizenship, and heritage in Canada from 1982 to the present. Describe some key social, economic, and political events, trends, and developments in Canada from 1982 to the present, and assess their significance | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): • Social Studies: Lesson: Disability Rights Movement Secondary book: • Rick Hansen: Man in Motion |
| Civics and Citizenship (Grade 10) | |
| Assess ways in which people express their perspectives on issues of civic importance and how various perspectives are recognized and represented in communities in Canada. | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): • Social Studies: Lesson: Disability Rights Movement |

| Analyse key rights and responsibilities associated with citizenship and some ways in which these rights are protected. | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): Social Studies: Lesson: Accessibility to Vote Social Studies: Project: Accessibility to the Political Process |
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| Analyse a variety of civic contributions and ways in which people can contribute to the common good. | Difference Maker (Secondary): |
| Analyse a civic issue of personal interest and develop a plan of action to address it. | All lessons |
| avel and Tourism: A Geographic Perspec | tive (Grade 11) |
| Analyse factors that influence travellers' destination choices (e.g., accessibility). Explain factors that influence people's choices of different modes of travel. Identify trends in different types of international travel and tourism. | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): • Design and Technology: Lesson: Accessible Travel Planning |
| story (Grade 11-12) | |
| nerican History, Grade 11: • The United States since 1945: Explain the context for the development of various reform movements in the United States during this period. | |
| World History since 1900, Grade 11: The Cold War Years: Describe some key social trends and/or developments. The Cold War Years: Analyse the contributions of some significant individuals and/or organizations to | Abilities in Motion (Secondary) • Social Studies: Lesson: Disability Rights Movement |

Canada: History, Identity and Culture, Grade 12:

human rights.

- Canada since 1945: analyse key social/cultural trends and developments in Canada.
- Canada since 1945: explain the context for the development of

| various reform movements in Canada. | |
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| derstanding Canadian Law, Grade 11 | |
| Identify the protections provided by the Charter [of Rights and Freedoms] and provincial and federal human rights codes. Describe historical and contemporary barriers to the equal enjoyment of human rights in Canada. | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): • Social Studies: Lesson: Disability Rights Movement • Social Studies: Lesson: Accessibility to Vote • Design/Technology: Lesson: Inclusive Society |
| Explain the concepts of justice, equity, and inclusiveness and the ways in which they influence human rights law in Ontario and Canada. | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): Design/Technology: Lesson: Inclusive Society Social Studies: Lesson: Equity and Equality |
| litics in Action: Making Change, Grade 1 | 1 |
| Analyse how various factors can contribute to, and present a barrier to, their own and others' political engagement. | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): |
| Identify and analyse a political issue, with the goal of developing a personal plan of action to address this issue. Identify a goal associated with the selected issue and construct an action plan to achieve that goal. | Difference Maker (Secondary): • All lessons |
| omputer Studies | |
| Describe a variety of adaptive technologies that help to improve computer accessibility. troduction to computer science 11: Demonstrate an understanding of an area of collaborative research between computer science and another field. Report on an area of research related to computer science. | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): • Science: Challenge: Science Solutions |

roduction to computer programming 11: Describe some emerging technologies and their implications for various members of society. mputer science 12: Investigate an emerging technology and produce a report using an appropriate format. uidance and Career Education ills for Success in Secondary School (Grade 9) Identify and describe the knowledge and skills necessary for successful interpersonal relations Difference Maker (Secondary): and teamwork. Lesson 3: The Power of Teamwork Demonstrate the ability to apply appropriate interpersonal and teamwork skills. scovering the Workplace (Grade 10) Explain how diversity can contribute to effective and productive group work. ilities in Motion (Secondary): Describe strategies for managing Social Studies: Lesson: Peer conflict, and use these strategies Advocacy effectively when working with others. Identify a specific need in the school or the community, and respond to this need. Difference Maker (Secondary): Identify strategies that contribute to All lessons effective teamwork and use them to work collaboratively to accomplish team goals. **Career Studies (Grade 10)** Difference Maker (Secondary): Investigate their own interests, values, skills, strengths, and areas Lesson 1: Identifying Personal that require further development. **Passions** signing Your Future (Grade 11) Demonstrate interpersonal and teamwork skills required for Difference Maker (Secondary): success. All lessons Identify ways in which they can

use their interests, skills, and

| knowledge to contribute to the development of their communities. | |
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| Describe the skills necessary to act as an advocate for themselves or others in various situations involving prejudice, bullying, or discrimination. Explain how diversity among members in a group may affect group dynamics in a positive way. | oilities in Motion (Secondary): • Social Studies: Lesson: Peer Advocacy |
| adership and Peer Support (Grade 11) | |
| Identify the characteristics of an effective leader and use these to evaluate their own leadership and peer support capabilities. Identify and apply the personal-management skills and characteristics required to succeed in leadership and peer support roles. Describe the elements of effective interpersonal relations and demonstrate their use in selected leadership and peer support roles. | Personal Leadership All lessons |
| Describe a conflict-resolution model and demonstrate its use in a variety of situations. Describe the dimensions of diversity within their community and identify the value of diversity as well as the challenges it poses. | Abilities in Motion (Secondary): Social Studies: Lesson: Peer Advocacy English/Media: Lesson: First Impressions and Stereotypes |
| Identify an opportunity within the school or community where they can take a leadership and/or support role. Design and present a plan to address a need identified within the school or community where they can make a positive contribution. | Difference Maker (Secondary): • All lessons |
| vigating the Workplace (Grade 12) | |
| Describe the value of diversity in teamwork as well as some of the challenges it may create. | Difference Maker (Secondary): • All lessons |

- Identify strategies that contribute to effective teamwork and use them to work collaboratively.
- Identify a specific need in the community and respond to this need.

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althy Active Living, Grades 9-12:

 Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of being physically active, and apply physical fitness concepts and practices.

ro to Kinesiology 12:

- Analyse selected social issues of current significance relating to physical activity and sport.
- Analyse the role of social and cultural factors in determining access to physical activity and sports programs.

Abilities in Motion (Secondary):

Physical Education: All resources

creation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12

- Identify the attributes and skills needed to be an effective leader.
- Describe individual behaviours and attitudes that contribute to effective teamwork and group success.
- All lessons

Personal Leadership

- Difference Maker (Secondary):Lesson 3: The Power of Teamwork
- Demonstrate the ability to implement an action plan to run a healthy active living event.

Abilities in Motion (Secondary):

- Physical Education: Project: Let's Get Physical
- Physical Education: Challenge: Sports for Everyone

cial Sciences: Equity, Diversity, and Social Justice, Grade 11 & 12

Grade 11:

 Demonstrate an understanding of a range of historical and contemporary Canadian equity and social justice issues.

Abilities in Motion (Secondary):

Social Studies: All resources

Grade 12:

 Compare policies, strategies, and initiatives used by various groups to address equity and social justice issues in a variety of jurisdictions.

Grade 11:

Difference Maker (Secondary):

Demonstrate an understanding of All lessons how social activism can be used to support equity and social justice objectives. Grade 12: Design, implement, and evaluate an initiative to address an equity or social justice issue. ience (Grades 10-12) ade 10 Evaluate the importance of medical and other technological Abilities in Motion (Secondary): developments related to systems • Science: Lesson: What Is Spinal Cord Injury? biology. Investigate organs and systems in Science: Lesson: Bionic Man animals and plants. Demonstrate scientific investigation skills. Abilities in Motion (Secondary): Evaluate the effectiveness of Science: Challenge: Science technological devices and procedures designed to make use Solutions of light, and assess their social benefits. ology 12 Abilities in Motion (Secondary): Describe the anatomy and Science: Lesson: What Is Spinal physiology of nervous system. Cord Injury? ysics **Physics 11 Kinematics** Abilities in Motion (Secondary): Forces Science: Challenge: Science Physics 12 Solutions • Science: Project: Wheelchairs Dynamics Energy and Momentum Science: Lesson: Bionic Man Motions and its applications Mechanical systems **Business Studies Introduction to Business** Abilities in Motion (Secondary): • Demonstrate an understanding of Social Studies: Lesson: Planning ethics and social responsibility in Accessible Businesses business.

 Demonstrate an understanding of how businesses respond to needs, wants, supply, and demand.

Entrepreneurship

- Outline the importance of incorporating ethical practices and social responsibility when operating a business venture.
- Describe the effect that changes brought about by entrepreneurs have had on the lives of people.

Marketing

- Describe current marketing activities that target various market segments.
- Identify and describe various environmental, ethical, social, and legal issues that affect marketing activities.

The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program (RHFSP) resources can be used to fulfill the mandates of Ontario's Ministry of Education initiatives for Character Education and Safe and Accepting Schools.

RHFSP raises awareness and changes attitudes about accessibility and inclusion, and empowers youth to take action on issues that matter to them. Our free educational materials are user-friendly and incorporate Universal Design principles, are developed by educators for educators, and are connected to provincial curriculum.

Our materials are available in French to support Ontario's Français langue première M à 12 curriculum, and our team includes francophone staff who can assist you.

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