





# **EDUCATION PRIORITIES - YUKON TERRITORY**

The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program (RHFSP) offers educators free resources to help youth (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 Yukon Territory:

**VALUES OF YUKON EDUCATION** 

**YUKON EDUCATION** COMPETENCIES **SAFE AND** CARING **SCHOOLS** 

YUKON **EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN** 

**CHALLENGE** DAY



- Promotes respect and responsibility through student led projects.
- Fosters equity, acceptance, and inclusion.
- Empowers students to create positive change.
- Develops kev life skills including teamwork and leadership.



- Helps students identify personal strengths and develops personal and social competencies.
- Fosters respect for differences and inspires positive contributions to society.
- Promotes thinking competencies, e.g. problem solving. planning, and goal-setting.
- Develops communication competencies, e.g. written and oral presentation skills.



- Teaches disability awareness, inclusion, and social responsibility.
- Fosters respect for diversity and equity.
- Promotes the development of a positive school culture.
- Fosters respectful behaviour and healthy relationships.



- Cultivates responsible citizenship.
- Inspires and empowers student to become active global citizens.
- Fosters contributions to healthy schools and communities
- Students understand the importance of equity and inclusion in communities.



- Lessons offer opportunities for challenge day activities.
- Activities support a culture where differences and challenges are embraced.
- Students discover and develop their strengths, interests, and passion.
- Fosters a long-term culture of inclusion and acceptance of differences.







#### **EDUCATION POLICIES: YUKON**

The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program supports key Yukon Education Priorities.

The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program (RHFSP) provides ready-made materials to support the implementation of BC's redesigned curriculum with Yukon priorities. The redesign of curriculum and assessment focuses on the competencies that are vital to personal and social success, life-long learning, and to the changing workplace. RHFSP supports each of these competencies:

- Personal and Social. RHFSP helps students explore their own identity, develop an understanding of their communities, identify, and pursue personal passions that contribute to society. RHFSP fosters social responsibility and respect for differences, and through practical projects, inspires and empowers students to make a positive contribution to their communities.
- Thinking. RHFSP is built around activities and projects that develop specific thinking skills, such as problem solving, planning, and goal-setting. Critical and reflective thinking are encouraged.
- **Communication.** Communication is a key part of RHFSP, as students develop written and oral communication skills, literacy, and presentation skills.

The values of Yukon Education are mirrored in RHFSP, which is built upon respect, responsibility, acceptance, inclusion, and caring. RHFSP provides character education to empower elementary and secondary students to create positive change in their communities, developing key life skills such as teamwork and leadership in the context of social responsibility and inclusion for all.

Safe and Caring Schools Policy (2008). Caring, respectful, and safe school environments are essential for children and young people to learn, and to achieve healthy personal and social development. By teaching inclusion, awareness and social responsibility, RHFSP is an ideal tool to support a safe and caring school environment that fosters respect, diversity, and equity, and a practical way to support anti-bullying initiatives.

New Horizons Yukon Education Strategic Plan 2013-2018. The plan aims for an education system that fosters lifelong learning to cultivate engaged, responsible citizens committed to strengthening and supporting healthy Yukon communities. This aligns with the goals of RHFSP, which inspires and empowers students to make a positive contribution to their communities through practical projects. Students gain skills to become active global citizens who understand the importance of inclusion in all communities.

**Helping Students Succeed.** This document outlines the vision for Yukon First Nations education where each child is seen as an individual with abilities, aspirations, and potential. RHFSP responds to this vision by developing a culture where differences and challenges are embraced, and each child is valued and respected. Activities allow students to discover and develop their strengths, interests, and passions while building communication and teamwork skills.

**Challenge Day.** This one-day program is dedicated to reduce bullying by building connection and empathy among students. RHFSP can build upon these learnings, and over the long-term, work to sustain a culture of inclusion and an acceptance of differences among students.

#### RHFSP is easily incorporated into Yukon curriculum.

**English Language Arts K – 12.** RHFSP supports the English Language Arts curriculum by providing opportunities to help students understand and appreciate language, and to use it confidently and competently in a variety of situations for learning, communication, work, life, and personal satisfaction. From responding to a story in Kindergarten to developing presentations at the secondary level, RHFSP supports the development students' abilities with speaking and listening, reading and viewing, and writing and representing. Materials include tools for self-assessment and reflection.

**Social Studies K – 11.** Key goals for the curriculum are to encourage and enable students to demonstrate respect for human equality and diversity, develop the skills and attitudes necessary to become thoughtful, active citizens in society who understand their rights and responsibilities as Canadians, and reflect critically on multiple perspectives of national and international issues. RHFSP aligns with these goals by teaching the understanding of diversity and inclusion, and focuses on community involvement and difference making. RHFSP achieves these aims by underscoring students' agency in creating and maintaining equitable and inclusive environments, as well as youth's ability to positively impact their local communities and the global community.

**Civics 11.** The aim of this curriculum is for students to gain civic knowledge, and apply decision making and critical thinking skills to become more active participants in civic life. The RHFSP secondary toolkits support these goals, especially growing students' willingness to pursue civic action by encouraging students to create, and implement a Difference Maker Campaign that positively impacts their school or local community.

**Science K-7.** The aim of this curriculum is to develop scientifically literate students who inquire, problem solve, and make decisions while maintaining a sense of wonder about the world. RHFSP supports these aims, and the specific curriculum expectations for Materials and Structures, and Forces and Simple Machines. The lessons emphasize critical thinking and problem solving using hands on activities.

Career Education K –12. The aim of the newly redesigned Career Education curriculum incorporates elements of career education in various stages for awareness, exploration and experience. RHFSP supports learning in stages one and two as students explore personal skills, personal interests and their roles and responsibilities in their school and community. RHFSP lessons support objectives such as appreciating diversity, the uniqueness of self and others, and how students can support an inclusive school climate. The focus in stages 3 and 4 for leadership is supported by Secondary Lessons that teach effective communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. The RHFSP elementary Difference Maker toolkit provides students with an opportunity for meaningful project opportunities for making positive contributions to schools and communities. RHFSP supports stage 5 expectations by encouraging students to seek out paths that align with their personal strengths and values, and provide leadership opportunities through the Personal Leadership toolkit.

**Health.** Key goals in the redesigned Health curriculum include developing healthy relationships, advocating for the well-being of others, and making connections to our community. RHFSP provides students with opportunities to develop positive attitudes and confidence by examining personal strengths and values, highlighting the importance of healthy relationships and working well with others, and appreciating each student's capacity to make a positive contribution to the school and community.

**Business Education 8-12.** The aim of this curriculum is to develop students' potential while acquiring the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to contribute to a healthy society, and a prosperous, sustainable economy. RHFSP secondary lessons support these goals by highlighting how businesses that have intentionally planned to be inclusive and accessible have a commercial advantage.

#### French immersion

RHFSP materials are available in French, and our team includes francophone staff who can assist teachers in implementation.







# **CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS: YUKON**

Yukon Elementary Curriculum	Connection to Rick Hansen Foundation School Program (RHFSP) Materials
English Language Arts. Grades K-7	
Improve literacy skills	<ul> <li>RHFSP elementary-level books:</li> <li>Roll On: Rick Hansen Wheels</li></ul>
Grades 1-3: Use reading strategies before, during, and after reading (making predictions, asking questions).	<ul> <li>The Rick Hansen Story. Lesson         <ul> <li>Setting Goals: Rick Hansen</li></ul></li></ul>

Making connections	<ul> <li>Difference Maker. (All lessons).</li> <li>The Rick Hansen Story. Lesson 6. Making Connections. Boy in Motion: Rick Hansen's Story.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson K. We Are Like Snowflakes.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion: Lesson K. Accessible Classroom.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 1. Everyone has Abilities.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 2. School Inspectors.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 3. Let's Play: Accessible Playgrounds.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 6. Accessible or Not?</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 7. First Impressions and Stereotypes.</li> </ul>
Vocabulary development	<ul> <li>Difference Maker. (All lessons).</li> <li>The Rick Hansen Story. Lesson 7. Overcoming Challenges. Roll On: Rick Hansen Wheels Around the World.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson K. We Are Like Snowflakes.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 1. Everyone has Abilities.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 3. Accessible Classroom.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 7. First Impressions and Stereotypes.</li> </ul>

<b>Grade 5-7:</b> Critical thinking and reflection	<ul> <li>Difference Maker. (All lessons).</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 6. Assumptions.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 7. First Impressions and Stereotypes.</li> </ul>
Social Studies, Grades K-6	
Identity, culture, and society: Knowledge of a Canadian hero who has significantly contributed to Canadian society and identity.	<ul> <li>RHFSP elementary-level books:</li> <li>Roll On: Rick Hansen Wheels Around the World.</li> <li>Boy in Motion: Rick Hansen's Story</li> <li>Rick Hansen: Canadian Hero</li> <li>The Rick Hansen Story. (All lessons).</li> <li>Difference Maker. Lesson 1. What is a Difference Maker?</li> </ul>
Grade 3-7: Critical thinking	<ul> <li>Difference Maker. (All lessons).</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. (All Grade 3-7 lessons).</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 4-6:</b> Strategies/plan of action to address a problem or issue	<ul> <li>Difference Maker. Lesson 4. Making a Difference for our Community.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. (All Grade 4-6 lessons).</li> </ul>
Grades 4/5: Maps and timelines	<ul> <li>The Rick Hansen Story. Lesson</li> <li>Mapping Rick's Route.</li> </ul>

Mathematics, Grades 5-7	
<b>Grades 5-7:</b> Multiplication and division, problem-solving	<ul> <li>The Rick Hansen Story. Lesson</li> <li>3. Calculating the Distance.</li> </ul>
Science, Grades 5-6	
Grade 5-6: Life science, human body	<ul> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade 4/5. What's Your T10, 11, and 12?</li> </ul>
Grade 5: Force and simple machines	<ul> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade</li> <li>5. On the Move.</li> </ul>
Career Education, Grades K-7	
Students will:  • develop an understanding of the importance of advocacy, inclusivity, accessibility and equity	• Abilities in Motion. (All lessons).
<ul> <li>develop an understanding of the fact that multiple experiential opportunities including volunteerism enhance and support career choices</li> </ul>	Difference Maker. (All lessons).
<ul> <li>develop competencies for collaboration and valuing diversity</li> </ul>	

Stage 1: Personal interests
and strengths, family, school,
and community

Stage 2: Leadership, decisionmaking, and planning

Stage 3: Goal setting, decisionmaking, and community connections

- Difference Maker. Lesson 3: Leadership for Positive Change.
- Difference Maker. Lesson 4: Making a Difference for our Community.
- The Rick Hansen Story. Lesson
   5. Setting Goals: Rick Hansen: Canadian Hero.
- Abilities in Motion. (All lessons).

#### Physical Education and Health, Grades K-7

#### Healthy relationships

 development of knowledge skills and strategies for building respectful relationships

- Difference Maker. Lesson 2.
   Inspiring Friends and Family.
- The Rick Hansen Story. Lesson 6.
   Making Connections: Boy in Motion: Rick Hansen's Story.
- The Rick Hansen Story. Lesson
   7. Overcoming Challenges: Roll
   On: Rick Hansen Wheels
   Around the World.
- Abilities in Motion. Lesson K. We Are Like Snowflakes.
- Abilities in Motion: Lesson K. Accessible Classroom.
- Abilities in Motion. Grade
   6. Accessible or Not?
- Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade
   7. First Impressions and Stereotypes.

### Healthy active living

daily physical activity

- Abilities in Motion. Station Activities.
- Abilities in Motion. Lesson Grade
   3. Let's Play: Accessible Playgrounds.

## **Connection to Rick Hansen Yukon Secondary Curriculum Foundation School Program (RHFSP) Materials English Language Arts, Grades 8-12** Secondary-level book: Rick Improve literacy skills Hansen: Man in Motion. Abilities in Motion. Challenge. Picture This. Demonstrating awareness of • Abilities in Motion. Case Studies. diverse perspectives • Personal Leadership. Lesson 1. Definitions of Leadership. • Personal Leadership. Lesson 3. Presenting for Impact. • Personal Leadership. Lesson 4. In- class presentations. Express ideas and information to persuade and support Difference Maker. Lesson 1. Identifying Personal Passions. • Abilities in Motion. Project. Social Media Connects.

#### Research

- Abilities in Motion.
   Lesson. Accessibility to Vote.
- Abilities in Motion.
   Challenge. Education for All.

### Social Studies, Grades 8-11

**Social Studies 8-11:** Practising active citizenship – working with others to actively address important concerns, critical thinking skills

- *Difference Maker.* Lesson 2. Overcoming Obstacles.
- *Difference Maker.* Lesson 3. The Power of Teamwork.
- Difference Maker. Lesson
   4. Difference Maker
   Campaign.
- Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Inclusive Society.
- Abilities in Motion.
   Lesson. Accessibility to Vote.
- Abilities in Motion. Lesson.
   Disability Rights Movement.
- Abilities in Motion.
   Challenge. Education for All.
- Abilities in Motion. Project. Accessibility to the Political Process.

Social Studies 10-11: Society & identity  – What it means to be Canadian; politics & government – Canadian social policy  Social Justice, Grade 12	<ul> <li>Secondary-level book: Rick Hansen: Man in Motion.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Investigating Accessibility.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Accessibility to Vote.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Disability Rights Movement.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Challenge. Education for All.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Project. Accessibility to the Political Process.</li> </ul>
Social Justice, Grade 12	
Recognizing and analyzing social injustice	<ul> <li>Abilities in Motion.         Lesson. Accessibility to         Vote.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson.         Disability Rights Movement.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion.         Challenge. Education for All.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Project.         Accessibility to the Political         Process.</li> </ul>
Career Education, Grades 8-12	
Students will:  • develop an understanding of the importance of advocacy, inclusivity, accessibility, and equity	<ul> <li>Difference Maker. (All lessons).</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. All lessons, projects, challenges and case studies.</li> </ul>

<ul> <li>develop an understanding of the fact that multiple experiential opportunities including volunteerism enhance and support career choices</li> <li>develop competencies for collaboration and valuing diversity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Difference Maker. (All lessons).</li> <li>Difference Maker: Campaign.</li> <li>Personal Leadership. Lesson 2.         Providing and Seeking         Guidance.     </li> </ul>
Stage 3: Students will explore personal interests, attributes, and strengths	<ul> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson.         First Impressions &amp; Identity Labels.     </li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson.         Peer Advocacy.         Difference Maker. (All lessons).     </li> <li>Personal Leadership. Lesson 1. Definitions of Leadership.</li> </ul>
Stage 3: Students will explore community connections	Difference Maker. (All lessons).
Stage 3: Students will explore goal setting	<ul> <li>Difference Maker. Lesson 1.         Identifying Personal Passions.     </li> <li>Difference Maker. Lesson 2. Overcoming Obstacles.</li> </ul>
Stage 4: Students will explore leadership skills	Personal Leadership. (All lessons).

Stage 4: Students will explore social justice	<ul> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson.         Inclusive Society.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson.         Peer Advocacy.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson.         Inclusive Society.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson.         Disability Rights Movement.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion.         Lesson. Investigating         Accessibility.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion.         Challenge. Education for All.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Project.         Accessibility to the Political         Process.</li> </ul>
Stage 4: Students will explore presentation skills	<ul> <li>Personal Leadership. Lesson</li> <li>3. Presenting for Impact.</li> </ul>
Business Education, Grades 8-12	
Entrepreneurship 8-10: Generating business ideas and creating a business plan	
Entrepreneurship 11-12: Business plan formulation, teamwork, and networking, managing for business	Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Planning Accessible Businesses.
Marketing 10: Create a marketing plan for a product or service	
Marketing 11-12: Marketing strategies	<ul> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson.         Planning Accessible Businesses.     </li> <li>Abilities in Motion.         Lesson. Accessible Travel Planning.     </li> </ul>

#### Science, Grades 8-12

Science Grade 8-10: Students will develop an understanding of the nature of science and technology

#### **Grade 11 Science and Technology:**

Students will be encouraged to develop attitudes that support the responsible acquisition and application of scientific and technological knowledge to the mutual benefit of self and society

Grade 11-12: Kinematics

Grade 12 Biology: Human biology

- Abilities in Motion. Lesson. What is Spinal Cord Injury?
- Abilities in Motion. Lesson. The Bionic Man: Using Technology to Improve People's Lives.
- Abilities in Motion.
   Challenge. Science
   Solutions.
- Abilities in Motion.
   Project. Wheelchairs.

#### Civic Studies, Grade 11

Skills and processes of civic studies, critical thinking, and attitudes of active citizenship

Informed citizenship, participating in civic discourse

- Difference Maker. Lesson
   2. Overcoming Obstacles.
- Abilities in Motion.
   Challenge. Education for All.
- Difference Maker. Lesson 1. Identifying Personal Passions.
- Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Disability Rights Movement.
- Abilities in Motion. Project. Accessibility to the Political Process.

Civic deliberation, decision-making for self and society	<ul> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Inclusive Society.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Disability Rights Movement.</li> </ul>
Civic action, initiating social change effectively and responsibly	<ul> <li>Abilities in Motion.         Lesson. Investigating         Accessibility.</li> <li>Difference Maker. Lesson 3.         The Power of Teamwork.</li> <li>Difference Maker. Lesson         4. Difference Maker         Campaign.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion.         Challenge. Education for All.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Project.         Accessibility to the Political         Process.</li> </ul>
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#### Law, Grade 12

#### Foundations of Law

- Abilities in Motion.
   Lesson. Accessibility to Vote.
- Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Disability Rights Movement.
- Abilities in Motion.
   Challenge. Education for All
- Abilities in Motion. Project. Accessibility to the Political Process.

#### **Technology Education, Grades 11-12**

# **Grade 11-12: Industrial Design:** Students will:

- use technology to design and create products, systems, and environments that meet community needs
- apply concepts and principles of design, systems integration, and product development in hands-on activities
- create, invent, think critically, solve problems, and engage in teamwork

- Abilities in Motion.
   Challenge. Breakthroughs.
- Abilities in Motion. Project. Get Outdoors.

# **Grade 11-12: Drafting and Design:** Students will:

- describe and apply design elements and principles
- create and critique design solutions
- complete a design project from design brief to the presentation of a solution
- utilize design and problemsolving processes to communicate ideas and develop solutions
- describe aesthetic and functional factors that influence design

- Abilities in Motion.
   Challenge.
   Breakthroughs.
- Abilities in Motion. Project. Get Outdoors.

## **Physical Education and Health, Grades 8-10**

### **Physical Education and Health: 8-10**

- develop, refine, and apply fundamental movement skills to a variety of physical activities and environments
- develop and apply a variety of movement concepts and strategies to different physical activities
- create strategies for promoting the health and well-being of the school and community
- apply methods of monitoring and adjusting exertion levels in different types of activities
- principles of training to improve components of fitness
- develop and demonstrate safety, fair play, and leadership in physical activities

- Abilities in Motion. Challenge. Sports for Everyone.
- Abilities in Motion. Project. Let's Get Physical.

### **Physical Education and Health: 11-12**

Develop, refine and apply fundamental movement skills to a variety of physical activities and environments

Develop and apply a variety of movement concepts and strategies to different physical activities

Create strategies for promoting the health and well-being of the school and community

Apply methods of monitoring and adjusting exertion levels in different types of activities

Develop and demonstrate safety, fair play, and leadership in physical activities • Abilities in Motion. Challenge. Sports for Everyone.

Develop and demonstrate appropriate exercise techniques for a variety of fitness activities	
Create and implement a personalized fitness program	
Identify and apply strategies to pursue fitness goals	Abilities in Motion. Project. Let's Get Physical.
Reflect on outcomes for personal fitness and goals and assess strategies used	
Demonstrate a variety of leadership skills in different types of fitness activities	
Physical Education and Health 8-12 Healthy relationships	<ul> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson. First Impressions &amp; Identity Labels.</li> <li>Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Peer Advocacy.</li> </ul>

## Travel and Tourism, Grades 11 & 12 Tourism 11: Describe the tourism industry. assess ability to work with others and the team's effectiveness Compare the BC tourism regions Abilities in Motion. Lesson. Accessible Travel Identify the features of good Planning. customer service (e.g. list the considerations for serving customers with special needs) Gather information appropriate to providing quality service **Tourism 12:** Analyze the trends and Abilities in Motion global events that influence the Lesson. Accessible Travel tourism sector, design a multi-day Planning. package tour

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.

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