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## Principles of Place-Based Learning

Is learning that:

- ... takes place in-site in the school yard and the community
- ... focuses on local themes, systems and content
- ... is personally relevant to the learner
- ... is interdisciplinary
- ... connects schools and communities
- ... encourages students to become active citizens and environmental stewards



**Networks of Inquiry and Innovation**  
**Aboriginal Enhancement Schools Network**

## Aboriginal Worldviews & Perspectives in the Classroom

**Connectedness and Relationship:** Look for ways to relate learning to students' selves, to their families and communities.

**Awareness of History:** Ensure that any focus on the history of Canada and Canadians include reference to the experience, situation, and actions/perspectives of Aboriginal peoples, in all periods (including and up to the present)

**Local Focus:** look for opportunities to incorporate place-based learning into your practice.

**Engagement with land, nature and the outdoors:** Look for opportunities to get students interested and engaged with the natural world immediately available (in the area near your school)

**Emphasis on Identity:** Encourage student self-awareness grounded in knowledge of family origins, cultural background, place of origin, allegiance and affiliation, citizenship, and other identity "markers".

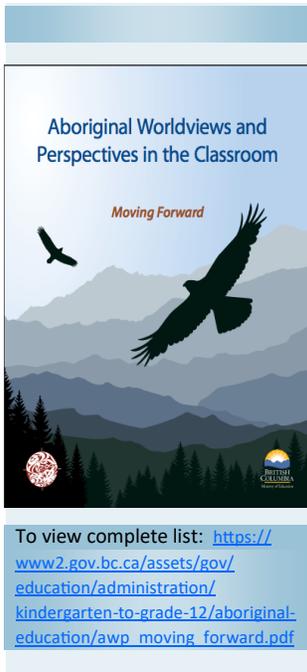
**Community Involvement:** Make it a priority to connect with the local Aboriginal community.

**The Power of Story:** Learn some of the traditional stories told within the local Aboriginal community.

**Traditional Teaching:** Recognize the traditional teachings of First Nations students

**Language and culture:** Expect use of the language to be part of any educational experiences with an Aboriginal aspect that involves outdoor trips or field studies in the local Aboriginal community.

**Experiential Learning:** Look for ways to incorporate hands-on learning experiences for students



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