

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5
SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY





School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
Environmental and Outdoor Education







September 2025

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Highlights

-  Purchased 50 spots in *4 Seasons of Learning* for staff to continue their learning towards reconciliation
-  Purchased 98 Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEEN) memberships for any interested staff
-  Supported 6 teachers to attend the Environmental Education Leadership Clinic at Nipika in April 2025
-  Supported 4 teachers to attend the Take Me Outside Learning Conference at Banff in May 2025

Focus

-  Distributed leadership and risk management through *Youth Safe Outdoors*
-  Capacity building through the Outdoor Council of Canada
-  Place-based micro grants to schools to support place-based learning in K to 6 and place-based learning or outdoor education pursuits in grades 7 to 12
-  Grounding of the District's Environmental and Outdoor Department through presenting at the 2025 Outdoor Learning Leaders Conference at Banff in October 2025

Summary

The District's Environmental and Outdoor Education initiatives support the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning outcomes by advancing reconciliation, sustainability, and student engagement through experiential learning. Investments in professional development, including memberships, leadership clinics, and national conferences, build staff capacity to integrate environmental and outdoor learning into classrooms, directly enhancing the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Intellectual Development Goals 1 and 2 through hands-on, inquiry-based literacy and numeracy experiences.

Place-based micro grants and partnerships with Youth Safe Outdoors and the Outdoor Council of Canada strengthen safety, leadership, and inclusivity, aligning with the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Human and Social Development Goals 1 and 2 by fostering student well-being, connection to land, and positive mental health.