

PROGRAMS AND STUDENT SERVICES

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Supporting Excellence in Teaching

Nova Scotia Teaching Standards

Teachers are encouraged to provide additional feedback on the Nova Scotia Teaching Standards through teachingstandards@novascotia.ca. Principals will be providing opportunities for teacher feedback on all six standards throughout this school year.

Professional Resource

A recommended professional resource for teachers and administrators is ***Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain*** by Zaretta L. Hammond. A copy has been provided to all schools in the Strait Region. View an interview with the author at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzwobAYsDL4>.

What's New in Curriculum?

Primary to 3 Curriculum Update (English)

Selected schools in three school boards are involved in reviewing teacher recommended updates of the Grades Primary to 3 streamlined curriculum. Their work is focused on reviewing curricula, including skill planning templates, and new curricula guides. They are also gathering feedback on assessment practices and integration of subject material.

Primary to 3 Curriculum Review (French Immersion)

Selected schools will pilot the French Immersion curriculum for grades P-3 throughout this school year and make further recommendations for revision. The revised curriculum will be introduced throughout the province in September 2018.

4 to 6 Curriculum Update

A survey has been circulated to all Principals and grade 4 to 6 teachers to provide feedback on the 4-6 streamlined curriculum, report cards and related components that were introduced in the 2016-17 school year. Responses must be submitted by **November 10, 2017**.

Grades 7 and 8 Curricula Review

Teachers throughout the Strait Regional School Board are participating in curricula renewal for English/French Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Technology Education, Physical Education, Health, Family Studies, Music, Visual Arts and Core French at the grades 7 & 8 levels. This initiative will continue throughout the 2017-18 school year, with pilots in each of these subject areas scheduled for the 2018-19 school year.

Grade 9 Citizenship

The new Citizenship 9 course is currently being piloted in three schools in the SRSB. This will replace the current Social Studies 9 curriculum in the 2018-19 school year.

Nova Scotia Provincial Literacy Strategy

Implementation continues to support an increase in literacy for all Grades P to 12 students. One priority area for the 2017-18 school year will be on literacy development in P-3, with a focus on oral language development. Visit [SRSB Literacy Website](#).

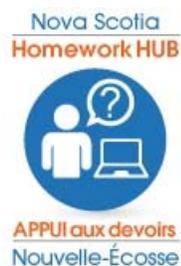
Culturally Response Pedagogy Initiative

A team of SRSB Teachers and Administrators will be participating in training in culturally responsive pedagogy sponsored by EECDC throughout the 2017-18 school year. The training will be facilitated by Sharroky Hollie, one of the leading researchers on CRP. This team will provide leadership on incorporating culturally responsive instruction to other staff throughout the Board, beginning in September 2018.

Public School Program Revisions

Draft revisions of the Nova Scotia Public School Program will be made available in January for additional feedback. Implementation of the revised PSP will be staggered and starting in September 2018.

Mathematics Support for Students



The Nova Scotia Homework Hub is continuing in its second year, with extensive usage by students and teachers throughout the Province. The Homework Hub is an online platform that offers resources and free tutoring for students enrolled in grade 9-11 mathematics courses. Students can have a 1:1 session with a tutor, in French or English, via an online whiteboard, or by calling in on the phone. Students can also access additional learning resources that include video lessons, practice exercises, quizzes with instant feedback, digital versions of the mathematics textbooks, where available, and a graphing calculator. The Homework Hub can be accessed by logging in with your gnsps account.