



Teaching and Learning with Indigenous Peoples

- Connect with your school board's Indigenous education liaison or department.
- Build relationships with local communities. Expect it to take time to build trust and for the relationships to grow.
- Prioritize the voices of Indigenous Peoples and listen.
- Centre Indigenous content, knowledge, ways of knowing and being in your practice (Traditional Knowledge, books, film, music, philosophy, art).
- Follow traditional protocols in your local area (e.g., gifting, blankets, and tobacco), and don't be afraid to ask if you are unsure of the protocols.
- Work with Elders and Knowledge Keepers trusted in your local communities. Often Indigenous education departments and local agencies that serve Indigenous groups are great resources for advice.
- Reciprocate—Value the time and knowledge of any guests in your learning space, or community members you work with. Think about how you can reciprocate the relationship. Remember that a gift or an honorarium is also given.
- Go beyond arts, crafts, and displays of music and dance. Talk about the issues, even the most difficult ones, and make sure to include Indigenous voices, values, stories, and perspectives.