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Grades 11 and 12 to see redesigned curriculum in 2019

Yukon's secondary schools will now have until September 2019 to prepare for the implementation of the redesigned curriculum for Grades 11 and 12, instead of September 2018 as originally planned.

This aligns with the Government of British Columbia's announcement that they have extended their implementation timeline for these grades. The Grade 10 curriculum will be introduced as planned in September 2018, with current Grade 9 students continuing in the new curriculum as they progress to graduation.

To keep implementation periods aligned with British Columbia, the Government of Yukon has also decided to delay the introduction of the new literacy assessment by one year, to January 2020.

Extending the timeline will provide more time for students, parents, teachers, administrators and post-secondary institutions to implement the planned changes.

Quotes

"We are pleased with our continuing partnership in education with British Columbia, a leader in education in Canada. By aligning our implementation schedule with theirs, we can continue to work together on the Grade 11–12 curriculum and new system-wide assessments so that Yukon students are well-prepared for post-secondary success."

–Minister of Education Tracy-Anne McPhee

Quick facts

- Yukon schools began using the new Kindergarten to Grade 9 curriculum during the 2017–2018 school year. This announcement does not affect those grades.
- The curriculum changes introduced in September 2017 began with a focus on classroom instruction and assessment, as well as the integration of Yukon First Nation ways of knowing and doing.
- New literacy and numeracy assessments will replace the B.C. Provincial exams.
- Yukon schools follow B.C.'s curriculum and program of studies, with additions in all grades that reflect Yukon's context and First Nations.
- The extended implementation timeline reflects feedback B.C. received from post-secondary partners and educators.

Learn more: Yukon's K-12 Curriculum

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