# Responsibilities and functions in respect of each of the Department of Education’s organizational components – 2022/2023

# Department of Education

To prepare learners and workers with the essential skills, knowledge, and personal qualities they need for their lives and careers. The Department of Education works with Yukon First Nation governments, partners, and communities to develop and deliver evidence-based programs and initiatives related to early learning and child care, public schools, and post-secondary education, consistent with the *Yukon Education Act*, *Child Care Act*, and other relevant legislation.

## Education Support Services

* To provide leadership and strategic support services to the department in the areas of finance, human resources, and communications.

## Schools and Student Services

* To deliver quality, inclusive education programs to students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. This includes the staffing and operation of public schools in the Yukon, and services and learning supports for students.
* To manage school facilities and student transportation services to ensure students are learning in safe and modern environments.

## Policy and Partnerships

* To strategically design and coordinate, through effective partnerships with Yukon First Nations and other partners in education, the standards, procedures, and quality assurance measures required for effective delivery of early learning and child care programming, Yukon's K-12 curriculum, post-secondary, apprenticeship and training programs, and student financial assistance.
* To provide strategic advice, system analytics, information technology services, research, policy, resources, and training to support department staff, services providers, partners, and stakeholders in the effective delivery of these programs.

## First Nations Initiatives

* To advise all departmental units and schools on the achievement of reconciliation goals.
* To strategically foster and coordinate effective partnerships with Yukon First Nations to support Yukon-wide and community specific joint priorities and actions.
* In collaboration with Yukon First Nations governments, develop the standards and procedures required to embed Yukon First Nations history, language, culture, and ways of knowing, doing and being throughout Yukon's K-12 curriculum, instructional practice, apprenticeship and training programs.
* To provide strategic advice, resources, and training on First Nations ways of knowing, doing and being to support educators and partners in the effective delivery of these programs.

## COVID-19 Response

* To plan, coordinate and deliver services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including public health measures, emergency management, and/or targeted economic and financial support for families, businesses, and communities.

## Yukon University

* To support Yukon University in providing post-secondary educational programs, services, and research initiatives.

2024-06-27