

Association for Community Education

ACEbc is dedicated to fostering and promoting Community Education and Community Schools in British Columbia. ACEbc has been active in BC since 1975 in the areas of community education, community school development, advocacy, training, publishing resources and conducting research. ACEbc is a non-profit organization governed by an elected Board of Directors with membership open to individuals, groups or organizations interested in Community Education.

The Values that Guide Community Education are

- ⚙ Inclusiveness
- ⚙ Self-determination & self-help
- ⚙ Shared resources — human, physical and financial
- ⚙ Leadership development
- ⚙ Lifelong learning
- ⚙ Interagency coordination, cooperation and collaboration
- ⚙ Neighbourhood-based action
- ⚙ Sustainability

IT'S ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Community Schools

A Community School is the hub of the community.

It is both a place and a set of partnerships

between the school and other community resources.

Its integrated focus on academics, child & youth development,

family support, and community development leads to

improved student learning, stronger families

and vibrant, healthy communities.

**Working SMARTER
TOGETHER**

The Philosophical Ingredients of a Community School

- ⚙ Using the school and other neighbourhood resources and facilities more effectively for desired community programs
- ⚙ Strengthening existing school curriculum and programs through greater involvement and use of available human, physical and financial resources
- ⚙ Developing a variety of educational, recreational, cultural and social opportunities for children, youth and adults in response to needs defined by the community
 - ⚙ Building community capacity, communication and engagement as residents become involved in community activities, services and issues
- ⚙ Facilitating integrated service models through partnerships and interagency coordination, cooperation and collaboration

All these ingredients together create a healthy and vibrant community school.

Elements of Community Schools in British Columbia

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