

Indigenous-focused Graduation Requirement – Implementation Supports

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As part of the Province's commitments to truth, reconciliation, and anti-racism, as outlined in the [Declaration Act Action Plan](#), the Ministry is implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement which will come into effect in the 2023/24 school year. All students working towards the BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) - in English or French - will be required to complete the new graduation requirement, including students at BC certified offshore schools.

A set of implementation support resources has been created to assist school districts in preparing for the new requirement:

- **Implementation Handbook** - provides information, suggestions and links to additional resources to support effective implementation of the new graduation requirement.
- **Communications materials** – includes a Q&A and PowerPoint slide deck that can support information sharing and conversations with students, families and staff.
- **BAA Course Criteria and Process** – outlines updates to Ministry policy and procedures related to specific criteria that BAA courses will need to meet to satisfy the new graduation requirement.

Links to all of these resources are available [online](#), and questions from district administrators can be directed to GradRequirements@gov.bc.ca.

The Ministry and the First Nations Education Steering Committee are also working with the BC School Superintendents' Association and the Federation of Independent School Associations in BC to host regional workshops for educators over the 2022/23 school year. The workshops are designed to support implementation of provincial Indigenous-focused courses that meet the new graduation requirement, including English First Peoples 10, 11 and 12, and BC First Peoples 12. BCSSA will be sharing more information, including a schedule of upcoming regional workshops (from November 2022 to June 2023), with school districts in the coming weeks.