

Hul'q'umi'num' 5 to 12

Integrated Resource Package 2007



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This Integrated Resource Package (IRP) provides basic information that teachers will require in order to implement the Hul'q'umi'num' 5 to 12 curriculum. Brief descriptions of each section of the IRP follow.

THE INTRODUCTION

The Introduction provides general information about the Hul'q'umi'num' 5 to 12 curriculum, including special features and requirements. It also provides a rationale for teaching Hul'q'umi'num' 5 to 12 in BC schools.

THE HUL'Q'UMI'NUM' 5 TO 12 CURRICULUM

The Hul'q'umi'num' 5 to 12 curriculum is structured in terms of curriculum organizers. The main body of the IRP consists of four columns of information for each organizer. The columns include:

- prescribed learning outcome statements
- suggested instructional strategies for achieving the outcomes
- suggested assessment strategies for determining how well students are achieving the outcomes
- locally approved learning resources

Prescribed Learning Outcomes

Prescribed learning outcomes are content standards for the provincial education system. Learning outcomes set out the knowledge, enduring ideas, issues, concepts, skills, and attitudes for each subject. They are the statements of what students are expected to know and be able to do in each grade. Learning outcomes are clearly stated and expressed in observable or measurable terms. All learning outcomes complete the stem: "It is expected that students will...." Outcome statements have been written to enable teachers to use their experience and professional judgement when planning and evaluating. The outcomes are

benchmarks that will permit the use of criterion-referenced performance standards. It is expected that actual student performance will vary. Evaluation, reporting, and student placement with respect to these outcomes depend on the professional judgement of teachers, guided by provincial policy.

Suggested Instructional Strategies

Instruction involves the use of techniques, activities, and methods that can be employed to meet diverse student needs and to deliver the prescribed curriculum. Teachers are free to adapt the suggested instructional strategies or substitute others that will enable their students to achieve the prescribed learning outcomes. These strategies are suggestions only.

Suggested Assessment Strategies

The assessment strategies suggest a variety of ways to gather information about student performance. Some assessment strategies relate to specific activities; others are general. These strategies are suggestions only.

Locally Approved Learning Resources

The learning resources in this IRP are materials that have been reviewed and evaluated by the members of the Hul'q'umi'num' 5 to 12 development team, according to district policy. They are typically materials suitable for student use, but may also include information primarily intended for teachers. Teachers are encouraged to select those resources that they find most relevant and useful for their students. The resources listed in the curriculum section (fourth column) of this IRP are those that either present comprehensive coverage of the learning outcomes of the particular curriculum organizer, or provide unique support to specific topics. Appendix B contains a complete listing of all learning resources so far identified to support this curriculum.

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THE APPENDICES

A series of appendices provides additional information about the curriculum and further support for the teacher.

- Appendix A lists the curriculum organizers and the prescribed learning outcomes for each grade.
- Appendix B consists of general information on learning resources, including a complete annotated list of the learning resources that support this curriculum.
- Appendix C contains assistance for teachers related to provincial assessment and evaluation and reporting policy. Prescribed learning outcomes have been used as the source for samples of criterion-referenced evaluation.
- *Appendix D* acknowledges the many people and organizations that have been involved in the development of this IRP.

A NOTE ON HUL'Q'UMI'NUM' DIALECTS

It is important to note that this IRP does not prescribe Hul'q'umi'num' words, phrases, or spellings. The IRP can be used in any system that desires to teach Hul'q'umi'num', without imposing the dialect of one specific area on another. The IRP is intended to guide the teacher in providing students with a rich continuum of experiences as they become proficient speakers of Hul'q'umi'num'.

Hul'q'umi'num' is and has been written in several different writing systems. In this IRP, Hul'q'umi'num' words in the Curriculum section and Appendices A and C are written in the alphabet developed by Dr. Tom Hukari for the Cowichan Tribes. Hul'q'umi'num' words in Appendix B are written in the alphabet developed by Dr. Donna Gerdts for the Snuneymuxw First Nation and School District

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The IRP does not intend to prescribe either of these alphabets as the "correct" way to write or spell Hul'q'umi'num' words.

However, teachers are strongly encouraged to select one alphabet and use it throughout the school year, to consistently represent the unique sounds of Hul'q'umi'num' with consistent spellings. At the high school level, students may wish to explore alternate writing systems, or study the development of the Hul'q'umi'num' alphabets.

Similarly, the Hul'q'umi'num' words and phrases included in the IRP are simply examples, and teachers are encouraged to modify them to reflect local pronunciation, spelling conventions and usage. For example, the learning outcome

• use appropriate articles to refer to the visibility and gender of people or objects.

will be accomplished differently in different dialects. In some dialects, speakers use the articles *tu* and *kwu* to distinguish between people and objects which are visible (*tu*) or out of sight (*kwu*). Other dialects may also use articles that distinguish gender:

- thu for a female person when she is in view
- *lhu* for a female person when she is not in view
- *tthu* for a male person, a group of people, or one or more objects in view
- *kwthu* for a male person, group of people, or one or more objects out of view.

The teacher should model the articles appropriate for the local dialect. Alternate forms of articles can be considered when students examine dialect variation in Grade 10.

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