



5.4 Provincial Outreach Support for Accessibility

The following programs have a variety of information available on their websites, and for specific students, please reach out to the District Principal of Inclusive Education to discuss the referral process.

INCLUSION OUTREACH

Inclusion Outreach is an outreach service mandated to assist schools throughout British Columbia in meeting the educational needs of students with multiple severe physical and cognitive disabilities. A team – consisting of a teacher, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, and speech-language pathologist – provides resources through a variety of services.

For more information on this service, please navigate to:

<https://www.inclusionoutreach.ca/>

SET-BC

Purpose

SET-BC is a provincial resource program established to assist school districts in educating students whose access to the curriculum is restricted primarily due to the following disabilities:

- physical disabilities or chronic health impairments
- visual impairments
- dependent handicaps
- deafblindness
- autism spectrum disorders
- moderate to profound intellectual disabilities

Services

- To lend assistive technologies (reading, writing, and communication tools) where required to ensure students' access to educational programs, and
- To assist school districts in providing the necessary training for students and educators in the use of these technologies.



PROVINCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR EARLY INTERVENTION (POPEI)

The POPEI is a British Columbia Ministry of Education provincial resource program with an outreach focus. The mandate of the program is to increase educator's capacity to teach all learners, particularly diverse and struggling learners. Supports are delivered through in-services, networking, resources, and eLearning opportunities. Please see their website for more information: <https://www.popey.ca/>

PROVINCIAL RESOURCE CENTRE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (PRCVI)

The PRCVI is a Ministry of Education provincial resource program established to assist school districts in educating students whose access to learning is restricted due to a visual impairment or blindness. PRCVI supports school districts and Group I or II independent schools in British Columbia by providing alternate formats including braille, tactile graphics, digital text, and large print of BC recommended learning resources to meet the instructional needs of these students. Specialized and adapted learning materials are also available. Please see their website for more information: <https://www.prcvi.org/>

PROVINCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING (POPDHH)

The focus of the POPDHH is to collaborate with school districts in meeting the needs of all deaf and hard of hearing learners. Through collaborative consultation with qualified teachers for the deaf/hard of hearing, POPDHH helps train educational teams to address the unique communication and learning styles of individual deaf and hard of hearing students. A resource library is also available. Please see their website for more information: <https://popdhh.ca/>

ARC BC

The Accessible Resource Centre - British Columbia is a BC Ministry of Education and Child Care funded response to the growing demand for digital accessible format alternatives to hard-copy print learning materials. The goal of ARC-BC is to provide BC students with perceptual (or print) disabilities and their educational teams with high quality digital alternate format materials that align with British Columbia's K-12 curriculum.



Is ARC-BC for my student?

ARC-BC materials are produced in accordance with Section 32 of the Copyright Act of Canada on behalf of students with perceptual (or print) disabilities. A perceptual (or print) disability results in significant difficulties seeing, holding, or understanding a work in its original format and generally encompasses:

PROVINCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DEAFBLINDNESS (POPDB)

POPDB consultants work with school districts and SBTs to ensure that the unique needs of the student with deafblindness are being met, and that each student is receiving an appropriate educational program. The role of the Outreach staff is to bring their experiences with a variety of children to the team and to share knowledge of proven strategies in the field of deafblindness. Their goal is to empower educators to fully understand the impact that deafblindness has on the student's ability to learn and to provide the most effective techniques and strategies that grow with the changing needs of the student. For more information, please go to: <https://www.popdb.ca/>