Agenda – What You Should Know

Employment outlook for teachers
Types of career opportunities
Applying for jobs
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TEACHING IN BC SCHOOLS BEFORE YOU GRADUATE
What’s it like teaching in BC?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFZ7kzVlf8s
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

• Existing TTOCs recruited to continuing positions
• TTOCs paid on scale for a full work day
• Teachers choose TTOC work to achieve work/life balance
• Wave of retirements in some districts
• Growing enrollment in some districts
• Cost of living in specific regions creating challenges
  + We’ve always had recruitment challenges in highly specialized areas, e.g. FRIMM & SpED, etc.
WHAT’S IN DEMAND

- Technology Education
- Teacher-librarian
- Special Education
- Social Studies
- Secondary Generalist
- Science
- Primary/Elementary
- PE
- Music
- Montessori
- Math
- Learning Assistance/Resource
- Intermediate
- Home Economics
- French
- Fine Arts
- English
- Counsellor
- Aboriginal
A SNAPSHOT OF FULL-TIME TEACHING JOBS AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW!
Northern BC

ELL
Intermediate Learning Services
French Immersion Teacher Librarian Counsellor

www.makeafuture.ca/northern-bc-schools
Fraser Valley

Resource
PE
English Language Learner
Primary – Grade 1
Industrial Education

www.makeafuture.ca/fraser-valley-schools
Kootenay

Elementary Science and Math English/P.E. Teacher French Immersion

www.makeafuture.ca/kootenay-schools
Okanagan

Band/Music
Home Economics
Kindergarten and Primary Counsellors
District Literacy Intervention

www.makeafuture.ca/okanagan-schools
Metro Vancouver

Social Studies/English
French Immersion
Special Education
Technology Education
Outdoor Connections
English Language Learning
Physics

www.makeafuture.ca/metro-vancouver-schools
Vancouver Island

Learning Support
K – 6 Music
Library / Learning Commons
Science10 / Geography 12 / Math 9

www.makeafuture.ca/vancouver-island-schools
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

• 300+ FISA independent schools, e.g. Waldorf, IB, Montessori, Catholic, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, etc.
  •  Tight-knit community with shared teaching philosophy
• Ministry-funded schools and annually inspected
• Salaries vary widely among schools-can be significantly more, can be less
  • Lots of opportunity province wide
BC OFFSHORE SCHOOLS

• Independently owned and operated schools in Egypt, Japan, China, etc.

• Benefits:
  – Gain relevant experience; opportunity to refine lessons
  – Experience new cultures; Travel
  – Low cost of living, good salary; can pay off student loans

• Shortages are common in some schools
• Hiring usually in January
• Seniority not portable to the public system
• Do your research before accepting an offer
FIRST NATIONS SCHOOLS

• 130+ independent First Nations schools
• Shortages in some schools common
• Compensation similar to public schools
• Generally smaller classes; multi-grade
• Experience looks good in the resume
• Opportunity for adventure and be immersed in indigenous culture
How to apply for teaching jobs on makeafuture.ca
NAVIGATING MAKEAFUTURE.CA

• Research employers, watch video profiles
• Comparable salary grids among districts
• Get tips on applying for jobs, and getting your BC teaching certificate
• Get info about Pro D opportunities
• Find job listings: public schools, independent schools, First Nations schools, and BC-certified offshore schools
TIPS ON APPLYING

✓ Continuously update your app
✓ Use BC Passport for multiple apps
✓ Set your application to visible
✓ Customize each application
✓ Triple check spelling with Grammarly.com
✓ Link to your professional portfolio
NEXT STEPS

✓ Find your dream employer
✓ Sign-up for job alerts
✓ Start your TRB application
✓ Clean-up your digital footprint
✓ Sign-up for our emails
✓ Visit www.tqs.bc.ca
JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

Online Portfolios

LinkedIn.com
CVmkrg.com
Jobcv.me
VisualCV.com
Pathbrite.com
About.me
Brandyourself.com

Creating PDFs
Cutepdf.com

Reducing image sizes
Compressor.io

Career advice blogs:
TheMuse.com
Quintcareers.com
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