

AGRICULTURE IN THE CURRICULUM SUMMER INSTITUTE

INTEGRATING AGRICULTURAL THEMES ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

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Food is often taken for granted. Students and society often have limited understanding of food production. The **BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation** provides teachers with resources to help integrate important concepts related to food, agriculture, and environmental sustainability into their classrooms.

Agricultural literacy is located in these educational movements:

- place-based education;
- environmental/ecological education; and,
- health literacy and healthy school initiatives.

Systems thinking and sustainability are key concepts for consideration. This course explores practical ways to integrate concepts related to food production and consumption, food safety, agricultural issues, and sustainability across the curriculum at all grade levels.

The course examines best practices in implementation, such as pedagogies of engagement, interdisciplinary/integrative studies, and outdoor studies. Through active participation, field trips, guest speakers, and video presentations, participants will expand their

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knowledge of agriculture and food concepts, and reflect on their own values.

The class explores ways to incorporate new knowledge into existing courses with ethical defensibility as a guiding principle. Participants will develop a foundational conception of agriculture literacy to inform curriculum projects and professional practice.

Gurinder Cheema's work on the family farm and in the agriculture sector inspires her as a middle school teacher. She teaches concepts of healthy living and local food production in Health and Career Education.

Joe Massie's introduction to agriculture began during his upbringing in Chilliwack, BC. He now runs the Agriculture program at Sardis Secondary School, which includes a working greenhouse and an Agriculture Learning Centre that supports school and community projects.

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