

BC Digital Classroom Overview 2023-2026

The BC Digital Classroom collection of quality digital reference resources has been evaluated for its usefulness in supporting the British Columbia curriculum and classroom instruction. Bringing a cost-effective solution to Focused ED members, the core collection is offered as a bundled license with a central point of access. The à la carte menu is available to BC Digital Classroom licensed members, adding additional grades and featured resources not found in the core collection.

BC Digital Classroom Core Collection

4Canoes	National Geographic Kids (Gale)	Twig Science / Math
Gale In Context Series	National Film Board (NFB)	World Book: Early Learning
KnowBC	ProQuest BC Historical Newspapers	World Book
myBlueprint	Teens 101	

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS (GALE)

Grades K-7



Gale Presents: National Geographic Kids stimulates curiosity through immersive content designed for exploration. This resource provides full issues of NGK magazines as well as books, videos, and images—all with Gale’s trusted built-in tools—on a student-friendly platform that makes learning easily accessible.

4CANOES

Grades K-12



4Canoes is a Canadian-created set of digital resources; sharing stories, traditional knowledge, and experiences of Indigenous communities across Canada and North America in magazine format. Included in the growing collection are student versions of the magazines, along with student workbooks and educator guides.

There are several ‘talking’ e-books featuring Indigenous spoken language and the English translation. Included is a copy of *Residential Schools with the Words and Images of Survivors* (Loyie, Brissenden, Spears) created for ages 12-18 years.

KNOW BC

Grades K-12



KnowBC is a set of encyclopedia and non-fiction publications focused on the history and natural history of British Columbia. Formerly Harbour Publishing, the online version includes many of the original print titles which continue to be updated and expanded. Numerous major Pacific Northwest resources are included in the collection.

NATIONAL FILM BOARD (NFB)

Grades K-12



The *National Film Board* is a rich collection of documentaries, animated films, interactive productions, and hundreds of short films in English and French. With study guides and learning bundles, there are three key themes: environment and sustainability, Indigenous voices and reconciliation, and diversity and inclusion.

WORLD BOOK: EARLY LEARNING

GRADES K-2



The *World Book Early Learning* resource features interactive, image-based navigation. Hundreds of games, videos, printable activities, classic stories, and nursery rhymes are included. Lexile® levels are provided for literacy programming.

WORLD BOOK

Grades 3-9

The *World Book Online Reference Centre*—Kids, Student, Advanced, Timelines, Discover, and L'Encyclopédie Découverte—provides differentiated access to encyclopedic information and a variety of ways to interact with the materials.

- Search across Kids, Student, and Advanced platforms to access similar content at different reading levels.
- Use the text-to-speech option to have passages 'read-aloud' for students.



World Book Kids

- Includes interactive, image-based navigation and intuitive iconography
- Contains thousands of easy-to-read articles with embedded multimedia
- Features biographies, maps, games, and explorations to introduce STEM topics and promote compare/contrast capabilities



World Book Student

- Built-in features like *Behind the Headlines* puts the day's top stories in context with straightforward language
- Built-in Dictionary and easy-to-navigate Atlas
- Tools specifically designed to make knowledge accessible and easy-to-find



World Book Advanced

- Provides a powerful reference tool with access to primary sources, historical documents, and online books
- Access to real-time headlines and world newspapers
- Allows sharing of personalized digital backpack for collaborative work



World Book Timelines

- Create family histories and track science projects
- Generate easy-to-use study guides on historical events
- Create presentations with pre-generated timelines that include historical notes, images and videos



World Book Discover

- How to Do Research? Resources for educators and students
- Life Skills section on topics such as internet safety, applying for a credit card, and smart consumerism
- Comprehension questions to promote deeper understanding of topics



L'Encyclopédie Découverte

- This is the French database version of World Book Discover written at basic French reading levels
- Seamlessly integrates with World Book Kids for parallel English-language content

PROQUEST BC HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS

Grades 3-12



The *ProQuest BC Historical Newspapers* collection includes: The Province (1898-2010), the Vancouver Sun (1912-2010) and the Times-Colonist (1884-2010). These are full page image scans, with metadata for articles, editorials, obituaries, ads, cartoons and more (over 20 types), and cross searchable with other products on the ProQuest platform.

TWIG SCIENCE / MATH

Grades 6-9



Twig Science and Math contains over 1,000+ award-winning, 3-minute videos that combine visual and adaptive learning, supported by hundreds of lesson plans, visuals, and other classroom resources.

TEENS 101

Grades 8-10



Teens may face issues that can affect their mental health and well-being. This series provides tips and advice for inspiring and empowering youth, and addresses such topics as depression, anxiety, addiction, self-harm, mental illness, bullying, body image, and sexuality.

- Content is mature and age sensitive. Teachers are advised to preview materials and [review the Focused ED evaluation](#).
- Create a Focused ED account to locate the [educator access code](#). Then view videos and facilitation guides [here](#).

GALE IN CONTEXT SERIES

Grades 8-12

These three subject-specific *Gale in Context* databases include text-to-speech and voice translation into 30+ languages, and high levels of accessibility for diverse learners. Search functions enable users to find content at the right Lexile® level. Content can be easily downloaded, shared, and saved for use in other instructional tools such as Teams, Google Classroom and Brightspace (DLS).



Gale in Context: Canada

- Provides a powerful reference tool with access to primary sources, historical documents, and online books
- Access to real-time headlines and world newspapers
- Share personalized digital backpack for collaborative work



Gale In Context: Global Issues

- Create family histories and track science projects
- Generate easy-to-use study guides on historical events
- Craft stunning presentations with pre-generated timelines that include historical notes and a wealth of images and videos



Gale In Context: Science

- How to Do Research? Resources for educators and students
- Life Skills section to share topics such as, internet safety, applying for a credit card, and smart consumerism
- Comprehension questions to promote deeper understanding of topics

MYBLUEPRINT POST-SECONDARY AND OCCUPATION DATABASES

Grades 10-12



The *myBlueprint* Canadian Post-Secondary and Occupation Databases are resources to support students in learning about education and work opportunities that relate to any curriculum area.

à la carte Resource Offers

TIGTAG JUNIOR

Grades K-2

tigtag jr *Tigtag Junior* is a complete online science resource for students. Stunning films and lessons ideas—all at your fingertips. Each lesson features original films that cover key learning objectives in a clear and engaging way. These two-minute films capture imagination and place learning in a relatable context. The resource introduces scientific concepts in a memorable way and provides teachers with flexible tools to differentiate instruction.

TIGTAG

Grades 3-5

tigtag *Tigtag* has everything teachers need to plan and teach outstanding science and geography lessons. Each lesson has several original films, designed to cover key learning objectives in a clear and engaging way. Along with captivating films, visuals, quizzes, and games, every lesson comes with a host of support materials for teachers. With strong focus on science, Tigtag is designed as a cross-curricular resource that encourages skills in independent thinking, personal development, and fosters curiosity.

EBSCO

Various Grades

EBSCO provides a host of research databases and provides library technology and e-books for K-12 schools. School libraries and classrooms benefit from reliable information resources and technology solutions supporting student research, curriculum delivery, and information literacy skills development.



K-8 eBook Subscription Collection (EBSCO)

- Supports quality learning experience for students across all subject areas. Provides educators with full-text e-books to support their curricula with optimized search and read experience. Topics include literature, agriculture, anthropology, language, geography, literature, technology, recreation and more.

6-12 Canadian eBook Subscription Collection (EBSCO)

- Top Canadian publishers cover a diverse range of subjects including topics pertaining to Canada, Canadian history, Indigenous focuses, politics and current events.

6-12 Canadian Reference Centre (EBSCO)

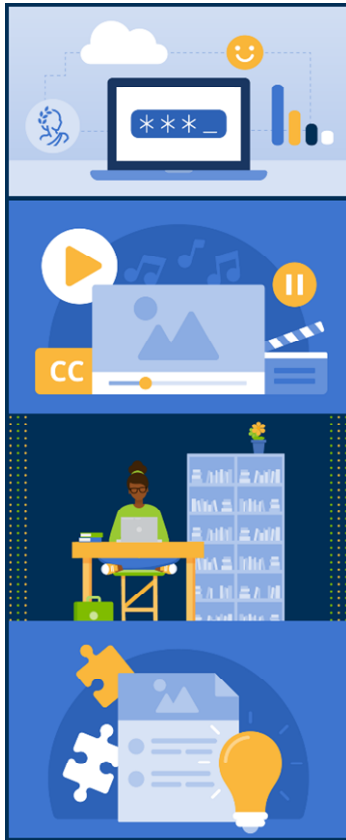
- The database includes leading Canadian and international magazines, plus thousands of images from Canadian Press. It's the largest collection of regional full-text content available to Canadian schools.

8-12 History Reference Centre (EBSCO)

- Covering topics in world history from the earliest civilizations through the 21st century, the database contains full-text journals, magazines, reference books, and thousands of primary source documents.

8-12 LGBTQ+ Source (EBSCO)

- Provides scholarly and popular LGBTQ+ publications in full text, plus historically important primary sources, including monographs, magazines, and newspapers. Includes specialized LGBTQ+ thesaurus containing thousands of terms.



8-12 NoveList Plus (EBSCO)

- Database of book recommendations for Teacher-Librarians and offers reader's advisory. Unique story elements like appeal, genre, and theme make it easy to find books of interest, using relatable language.

8-12 Professional Development Collection (EBSCO)

- A highly specialized database of full-text electronic information—including education journals and reports—for teachers and librarians.

8-12 Science Reference Centre (EBSCO)

- Provides full text for hundreds of science magazines, journals, reference books, and high-quality videos. The database contains science experiments, curriculum-aligned lesson plans, and a vast image collection.

8-12 EBSCO Special Offer Bundle

- Includes your choice of Science Reference Centre **or** History Reference Centre and all of the following:
 - ✓ Literary Reference Centre
 - ✓ Poetry & Short Story Reference Centre
 - ✓ Canadian Literary Centre
 - ✓ NoveList Plus
 - ✓ Academic Search Premier
 - ✓ Canadian Points of View Reference Centre

ACCESS LEARNING

Grades K-12



Access Learning offers instant on-demand access to over 4,500 full length and 20,000 clip level educational video programs. This web-based program has award winning content accessible 24 hours a day, 7 seven days a week. Educators can search, stream and download content that has been correlated to provincial curriculum.

JOBS PEOPLE DO

Grades 6-12



Jobs People Do is the educator's link for student career information. The friendly one stop career resource also helps school career/guidance counsellors and teachers to look at jobs that match their students' interests. The resource helps them discover the means by which they can attain those jobs: from subjects they need to take in high school, to the career colleges, universities, and colleges that offer the degree/diploma and training they will need. Students develop skills by getting involved in research, inquiry, problem-solving and the decision-making process of planning for their future.

LEARN 360 VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES

Grades K-12



Learn360 is a broad-based, multimedia digital resource streaming service for K-12 schools. This resource includes full educational videos, video clips, audio and audiobooks, newsreel footage, audio and video speeches, music tracks, sound effects, and encyclopedia articles.

WORLD BOOK: DRAMATIC LEARNING

Grades 3-12



With World Book Dramatic Learning, creativity, imagination, and learning meet! Access a robust collection of popular plays with everything needed to put on a production—including the script. Search for a specific play or filter by the number of acting characters to match your class or group size.

MACLEAN'S ARCHIVES

Grades 7-12



The *Maclean's Archive* is a unique, searchable Canadian digital library of every issue, article, photograph, and advertisement that has appeared in Maclean's Magazine in its 113-year history—going back to 1905, when it debuted as “The Business Magazine”. Content reaches all the way back to 1905, and with a uniquely Canadian view, contains more than 3,400 issues, with more than 100,000 stories. Users have access to articles, ads, and images in the visual context of the issue they came from, or switch to “Raw Text” mode to make research even easier. Users may also share items via social media, get the article permalink for embedding, or print articles on demand.

GALE IN CONTEXT – ADDITIONAL DATABASES

Various Grades

With *Gale in Context*, access centuries worth of rare primary sources, reliable reference and multimedia content, and give students the tools to research and learn effectively. Students can dive deeper into a variety of topics ranging from Ancient Mesopotamia to the Holocaust to modern Human Rights Movements. Pinpoint comprehensive media-rich collections to help learners evaluate content in diverse formats and enhance their critical thinking.

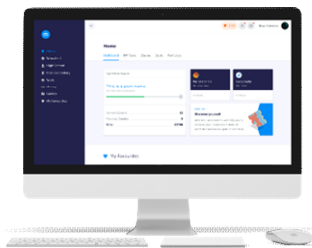


Available for these grade options:

- World History - Grades 6 and/or 7 and/or 8
- World History - Grades 6-12
- World History - Grades 8-12
- Environmental Studies - Grades 9-12

MYBLUEPRINT EDUCATION PLANNER PACKAGE

Grades 9-12



A comprehensive education and career/life planning program with the tools students need to make the most informed decisions about their future. The *myBlueprint Education Planner Package*, including *ED Planner + Data Integration*, comes with “Who Am I” assessments. Students discover their learning and personality styles, interests, desired knowledge, and motivation factors. Search, filter, and compare local, and provincial information on apprenticeships, programs, and occupations to help students prepare for the future. Track experiences, activities, achievements, and skills. The interactive portfolio shares student learning with documents, images, videos, and more.