

## INDIGENOUS STUDENT SERVICES

- **Indigenous Resource Library**

The Indigenous Educational Resource library is constantly expanding its collection, including fiction, non-fiction, early years to adult books, videos, learning kits and other educational products that cover all aspects of Indigenous culture, both of historical and contemporary. The collection offers resources to support the integration of Indigenous Perspective across the curriculum for K -12 educators.

The resources are available through the Indigenous Education Centre.



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**We are all related**

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# INDIGENOUS EDUCATION IN BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

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Hello  
Hau/Han  
Tansi



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## SUPPORTING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- **Professional Learning Opportunities**

Early, Middle and Senior year teachers and support staff are afforded professional learning opportunities to explore ways to embed Indigenous perspectives into the curriculum:

Examples:

- ⇒ Truth and Reconciliation – Calls to Action
- ⇒ Grade 9-12 Indigenous Language Revitalization Program

## GRANT PROJECTS

- **Indigenous Academic Achievement**

IAA is a program in which Indigenous Support Teacher assistants provide academic support to First Nations, Metis and Inuit students in Grade 9 to 12 level. Student success is tracked throughout the year to measure improvement in literacy, numeracy, attendance and graduation rates.

- **Building Students Success with Indigenous Parents**

BSSIP is an initiative that supports students' success through engagement of Indigenous parents, community and organizations. The schools involved are in Kindergarten to Grade Eight level.

- **Community Schools Partnership Initiative**

CSPI is an initiative that provides gathering places where children and their families can get together for educational, social, recreational, and cultural activities. This initiative caters to Kindergarten to Grade 8 level.

- **Preschool Therapy Services**

The Brandon School Division supports services that include – Speech Language Therapy, Audiology Services, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy through the Brandon Children's Therapy Team. These services are provided to three daycares, two of which are operated by Indigenous support agencies.



## INDIGENOUS STUDENT SERVICES

- **Indigenous Education Learning Specialist**

The Indigenous Education Learning Specialist works directly with administrators and teachers to develop an understanding of the needs of Indigenous students and with the integration of Indigenous culture, values, and history throughout Provincial curricula.

- **Indigenous Cultural/Elder Advisor**

The Elder plays a vital role in creating a culturally appropriate and affirming environment by providing guidance to students and encouraging them to participate in activities and teachings.

The Elder provides cultural perspectives and advice to school staff regarding interaction with students and their families.

- **Indigenous Studies Courses**

Indigenous Studies are offered at the Grade 7/8 and High School level. These studies are open to all students to bring an awareness of Indigenous culture and to foster a greater understanding of both traditional and contemporary issues.

