



First Nations Schools Association *(Updated April 2019)*

Mission:	To collaborate with First Nation schools to create nurturing environments that develop learners' pride and competence in their First Nations language and heritage and will equip them to realize their full potential, within self-governing First Nations communities.
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Established:	1996
Structure:	Registered society and charity A membership of First Nation school administrators who support 131 First Nations schools
Key Achievements:	<p>Developing a process for coordinating delivery of all programs and services to First Nations schools at the classroom, school and provincial levels, to provide a BC First Nations School System that is responsive to needs, cost-effective and of consistent quality.</p> <p>Developing the FNSA Schools Assessment and Certification Process to support school growth and quality instruction.</p> <p>Promoting effective classroom instruction through the FNSA Professional Growth Process and other processes, including Professional Learning Communities seminars and the annual Principals' Short Course.</p> <p>Supporting the growth of strong data systems in our schools, including the Data Reporting and User Management System (DRUMS).</p> <p>Supporting special education services and training, literacy coaching, school governance and capacity building coaching, and technology support</p>
Communications	FNSA Annual Conference & AGM, attracting approximately 500 educators annually Annual Report www.fnsa.ca
Affiliates:	First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association (IAHLA)