

## ACCESSIBILITY

### Background

The District, as an employer and educational agent, will work towards, and ensure over time, the provision of barrier-free access for everyone to all programs, lands, facilities and buildings controlled by the District. The District will endeavor to provide individuals with disabilities access to all fundamental elements of daily school life and experience that are generally available within the school community.

### Definitions

All Persons: All people in society irrespective of age and sensory or physical ability.

Facility: Something that is built, installed or provided to serve a particular purpose.

Person with a disability: A person who has a loss or a reduction of functional ability and activity. This includes a person in a wheelchair and a person with a sensory disability (to include cognitive, hearing or visual impairment).

### Procedures

1. The District will ensure that a building and its facilities can be approached, entered and accessed by persons with physical or sensory disabilities. This will conform to the minimum standards of the British Columbia Building code including the Building Access Handbook, which outlines building requirements for persons with disabilities.

*Reference: Sections 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act  
Occupational Health and Safety Regulation  
British Columbia Building Code  
National Building Code  
National Fire Code*

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