

**Environmental Educators Provincial Specialist Association (EEPSA)**

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We promote networking, curriculum support, and leadership in environmental education. Members receive an annual subscription to Green Teacher, listserv access, support to advocate for improved environmental education in BC schools, pro-d opportunities and conferences, and the chance to connect and network with environmental educators.

**Learning Assistance Teachers' Association of BC (LATA-BC)**

*lata@bctf.ca* [www.latabc.com](http://www.latabc.com)  
We make significant contributions to the public education system through curriculum initiatives, in-service education, professional development, ministry committees, publications, presentations and conferences. Our primary focus is on supporting educators working with struggling learners.

**Physical and Health Education BC (PHE-BC)**

*phebc@bctf.ca* <https://pheinbc.com>  
We are a specialist association that consists of both elementary and secondary teachers (both general and specialists). Our goal is to create, link, and recommend resources as well as provide professional learning (conferences, webinars) and networking opportunities to our members. We are approachable and will try our best to assist you no matter where you are in the province.

**Specialist Association of Gifted Educators in BC (SAGE-BC)**

*sagebc@bctf.ca* <https://www.sage-bc.com>  
We are an association for resource and classroom teachers who support Gifted children.

**Teachers of Home Economics Specialist Association (THESA)**

*thesa@bctf.ca* [www.thesa.ca](http://www.thesa.ca)  
We provide support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities to BC Home Economics teachers.

**Teachers of Inclusive Education in BC (TIEBC)**

*tiebc@bctf.ca* [www.tiebc.com](http://www.tiebc.com)  
We provide support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities to BC teachers working to provide inclusive education to all students.

Per policy 33 in the BCTF member's guide, the Provincial Specialist Associations are an advisory body of the BCTF. PSAs receive partial funding from BCTF grants.



**List of BCTF PSAs**

- Aboriginal Education Association (AEA)
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- Association of BC Drama Teachers (ABCDE)
- Association provinciale des professeurs d'immersion et du programme francophone (APPIPC)
- BC Alternate Education Association (BCAEA)
- BC Art Teachers' Association (BCATA)
- BC Association of Mathematics Teachers (BCAMT)
- BC Association of Teachers of Modern Languages (BCATML)
- BC Business Education Association (BCBEA)
- BC Culinary Arts Specialist Association (BCCASA)
- BC Dance Educators' Association (BCDEA)
- BC Early Career Teachers' Association (BCECTA)
- BC Educators for Distributed Learning (BCEDL)
- BC Montessori Teachers PSA (BCMTPSA)
- BC Music Educators' Association (BCMEA)
- BC Primary Teachers' Association (BCPTA)
- BC School Counsellors' Association (BCSCA)
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- BC Social Studies Teachers' Association (BCSSTA)
- BC Teacher-Librarians' Association (BCTLA)
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- BC Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (BCTESOL)
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- Environmental Educators' Provincial Specialist Association (EEPSA)
- Learning Assistance Teachers' Association (LATA)
- Physical and Health Education BC (PHE-BC)
- Middle Years and Provincial Intermediate Teachers' Association (MyPITA)
- Specialist Association of Gifted Educators (SAGE-BC)
- Teachers of Home Economics Specialist Association (THESA)
- Teachers of Inclusive Education, British Columbia (TIEBC)

# BCTF PSAs

**HERE TO HELP!**

MEET THE PSAs

The BCTF PSAs (Provincial Specialist Associations) are mandated to assist BC teachers, both in advocacy and in supporting professional development for their specialty. Each PSA is formed and run by an elected volunteer executive, with administrative and financial support from the BCTF. MyPITA is pleased to provide you with this pamphlet to help you find the right resources for you members in your important role as Professional Development Chair. We are here to help, and are a great source for pro-d speakers and specialty resources!

**The Three Generalist PSAs:**

**Provincial Intermediate and Middle Years Teachers Association (MyPITA)**

*president@pita.ca* [www.pita.ca](http://www.pita.ca)  
We are a generalist association. We support all teachers teaching grade 4-9 in all content areas with resources, newsletters, and pro-d opportunities, including our Fall conference and our Spring mini-conference. We also send speakers to regional events around the province.

**BC Primary Teachers' Association (BCPTA)**

*bcpta@bctf.ca* <http://www.bcpta.ca/wordpress>  
We provide support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities to BC Primary teachers.

**BC Early Career Teachers' Association (BCECTA)**

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<https://bcecta.weebly.com>  
We support the work of early career teachers and teachers-teaching-on-call by means of special services, resources, networking, and advocacy while working toward appropriate and accessible professional development opportunities to meet the unique and diverse needs of new teachers and build a culture of belong to a PSA early in a teacher's career. We welcome new teachers, TTOC, mentor teachers and those who support early career teachers to join our PSA.

**Aboriginal Education Association (AEA)***aea@bctf.ca www.abedassociation.wordpress.com*

We provide support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities to BC Aboriginal and Aboriginal Education teachers.

**Anti-Oppression Educators Collective (AOEC)***aoec@bctf.ca https://www.aoec.ca*

AOEC is dedicated to challenging systemic oppression in education. Formerly the BC Peace and Global Educators, our name change reflects the organization's desire to focus on peace and international solidarity through a framework on anti-oppression. Injustice is rooted in colonialism, and the only way to justice is to unlearn the colonial.

**Association of BC Drama Teachers (ABCDE)***abcde@bctf.ca www.bcdramateachers.com*

We provide support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities to BC Drama teachers.

**Association provinciale des professeurs d'immersion et du programme francophone (APPIPC)***appipc@bctf.ca www.appipc.ca*

We provide professional development activities in French, facilitate the exchange of ideas among teachers, and advocate on behalf of French teachers.

**BC Alternate Education Association (BCAEA)***president@bcaea.com www.bcaea.com*

We provide support and advocacy for teachers working to help at-risk youth who find they are unsuccessful in the main-stream school environment.

**BC Art Teachers' Association (BCATA)***bcata@bctf.ca www.bcata.ca*

We provide support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities to BC Art teachers.

**BC Association of Mathematics Teachers (BCAMT)***bcamt@bctf.ca www.bcamt.ca*

We promote excellence in mathematics teaching through support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities.

**BC Association of Teachers of Modern Languages (BCATML)***bcatml@bctf.ca www.bcatml.org*

We represents second language teachers in BC including French, German, Japanese, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish, and more at both the elementary and secondary levels. We produce resources for Members, offer free workshops, a newsletter, host one-day training institutes as well as our Celebrating Languages conference in the province each October PSA day.

**BC Business Education Association (BCBEA)***bcbea@bctf.ca www.bcbea.ca*

We support teachers in business, information technology, and the careers areas in K-12. We offer teaching strategies and supports, networking, curriculum development, and other shared curricular interests, mentor support, classroom materials, a web site, a listserv and the annual BCBEA Conference.

**BC Culinary Arts Specialist Association (BCCASA)***bccasa@bctf.ca http://bccasa.ca*

We provide support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities to BC Culinary Arts teachers.

**BC Dance Educators' Association (BCDEA)***bcdea@bctf.ca www.bcdea.ca*

We provide support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities to BC Dance teachers.

**BC Educators for Distributed Learning (BCEDL)***bcedl@bctf.ca www.bcedl.ca*

We support the professional development of educators working in the challenging field of online learning.

**BC Montessori Teachers Association (BCMTPSA)***bcmtpsa@bctf.ca www.bcmontessoripsa.org*

We support all public school Montessori teachers in offering a successful Montessori program in their classrooms. We provide ongoing support with material presentations and topics and a yearly conference.

**BC Music Educators' Association (BCMEA)***bcmea@bctf.ca, bcmusiced@gmail.com**www.bcmusiced.ca*

We are a voice for all music educators and offer a monthly newsletter, an online journal, and our annual BCMEA Conference in October.

**BC School Counsellors' Association (BCSCA)***bcscas@bctf.ca https://bcschoolcounsellor.com*

We provide support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities to BC School Counsellors.

**BC Science Teachers' Association (BCSCTA)***bcscata@bctf.ca www.bcscta.com*

We promote and advance science education throughout BC by providing pro-d for teachers in all aspects of science education, communicating with members and other groups with an interest in science education; and by advising policy makers and stakeholders within the science education community. We also offers grants for professional development.

**BC Social Studies Teachers' Association (BCSSTA)***bcssta@bctf.ca www.bcssta.wordpress.com*

We provide support, advocacy, and professional development opportunities to BC Social Studies teachers.

**BC Teacher-Librarians' Association (BCTLA)***bctla@bctf.ca www.bctla.ca*

We promote the essential evolving role of the teacher-librarian within the education community and work towards improving the working and learning conditions in BC school libraries and learning commons, providing professional and curricular development opportunities, and advocating for strong school libraries.

**BC Teachers of English Language Arts (BCTELA)***bctela@bctf.ca www.bctela.ca*

We engage teachers of English Language Arts, K-12, through sharing ELA practices and ideas at our annual conference and in our published peer-reviewed journal, *English Practice*. We offer members an opportunity to submit student writing for publication in the Student Writing Journal, *Voices Visible*. We promote members' voices and agendas in the implementation of the ELA curriculum.

**BC Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (BCTESOL)***bctesol@bctf.ca www.bctesol.ca*

We strive to improve the quality of ESL/D education in BC, promote a greater awareness of ESL/D and support the needs of English language learners (ELLs) and ELL educators throughout the province.

**BC Technology Educators Association (BCTEA)***bctea@bctf.ca www.bctea.org*

We represent Technology Education teachers and those teachers promoting the development and growth of Applied Design Skills and Technologies (ADST), Makerspaces and Tech Ed in British Columbia schools. We work with like minded groups at the Elementary and Secondary levels in addition to organizations that are involved in trades training and setting industry standards for training young workers

**Computer Using Educators of BC (CUEBC)***cuebc@bctf.ca www.cuebc.ca*

We offer opportunities for all K-12 teachers to explore the changing world of technology with their classrooms. Teachers from all subject areas and all levels of technological experience are provided with high-quality professional development that supports technologically mediated creativity and classroom innovation.