



# Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Circle

## Who we are

### What we do

Created in 2019, the [Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Circle](#) (IERC) is a forum for education partners and the Alberta government to collaborate in support of First Nations, Métis and Inuit learners and each other. It seeks to foster collective understanding and collaboration among members of the education system.

The IERC began in October 2019 following the conclusion of the Joint Commitment to Action committee, which was created in 2016 as a commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

### Focus on Truth and Reconciliation

With the goal of advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, the IERC works on creating meaningful change in Indigenous education through ongoing learning and dialogue and advice to the Ministry of Education. The IERC advocates for and aims to integrate Indigenous ways of knowing, understanding and doing into its work and the work of the member organizations.

In addition to advancing truth and reconciliation, we aim to broaden the education system's capacity to support Indigenous learners and promote collaboration.

### Current work

The IERC meets monthly. Subcommittees may meet in addition to the monthly meetings. The IERC's [terms of reference](#) and strategic plan focus on the following goals:

- Advance truth and actions of reconciliation.
- Broaden the capacity of the education system to support Indigenous learners.
- Promote cross-organizational collaboration within the education system.

The IERC supports Outcomes 1, 2 and 3 in the [Alberta Education 2021-2024 Business Plan](#):

- Outcome 1: 'Alberta's students are successful'
- Outcome 2: 'First Nations, Métis and Inuit students in Alberta are successful'
- Outcome 3: 'Alberta has excellent teachers, school leaders and school authority leaders'

### Membership

The IERC is chaired by Alberta Education's Assistant Deputy Minister of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Directorate or designate. Members include:

- Alberta Association of Deans of Education
- Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia
- Alberta School Boards Association
- Alberta School Councils' Association
- Alberta Teachers' Association
- Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta
- College of Alberta School Superintendents
- Rupertsland Institute