

# **Provincial Specialist Associations**

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## Overview

The BCTF encourages and supports over 30 Provincial Specialist Associations (PSAs). As an integral part of the Federation, the PSAs operate in accordance with BCTF policies and procedures and their own constitutions.

All BCTF members are encouraged to become members of one or more PSAs to share expertise and to gain information and experience.

Each year, the BCTF provides a complimentary PSA membership to each new member at the induction ceremony in the member's local.

Each PSA is unique—its strength determined by its members and its executive. PSAs promote communication among members through journals, newsletters, conferences, workshops, websites, email lists, and other activities.

Individual PSAs are represented on the PSA Council through their presidents. The PSA Council provides advice to the BCTF Executive Committee on matters of concern to PSAs and on working and learning conditions, curriculum, professional development, and educational leadership.

Visit the PSA website at [bctf.ca/PSAs.aspx](http://bctf.ca/PSAs.aspx).

## PSAs

AEA	Aboriginal Education Association
AOEC	Anti-Oppression Educators Collective
ABCDE	Association of BC Drama Teachers
APPIPC	Association provinciale des professeurs d'immersion et du programme francophone
BCAEA	BC Alternate Education Association
BCATA	BC Art Teachers' Association
BCAMT	BC Association of Mathematics Teachers
BCATML	BC Association of Teachers of Modern Languages
BCBEA	BC Business Education Association
BCCLA	BC Co-operative Learning Association
BCCASA	BC Culinary Arts Specialist Association
BCDEA	BC Dance Educators' Association
BCECTA	BC Early Career Teachers' Association
BCEDL	BC Educators for Distributed Learning
BCMTPSA	BC Montessori Teachers PSA
BCMEA	BC Music Educators' Association
BCPTA	BC Primary Teachers' Association
BCSCA	BC School Counsellors' Association
BCScTA	BC Science Teachers' Association
BCSSTA	BC Social Studies Teachers' Association
BCTLA	BC Teacher-Librarians' Association
PAGE	BC Teachers for Peace and Global Education
BCTELA	BC Teachers of English Language Arts

BCTESOL	BC Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
BCTEA	BC Technology Education Association
CUEBC	Computer Using Educators of BC
EEPSA	Environmental Educators' Provincial Specialist Association
LATA	Learning Assistance Teachers' Association
PHEBC	Physical Health Education British Columbia
myPITA	Middle Years and Provincial Intermediate Teachers' Association
SAGEBC	Specialist Association of Gifted Educators in BC
THESA	Teachers of Home Economics Specialist Association
TIEBC	Teachers of Inclusive Education, British Columbia

### **Join a PSA—Benefits to members**

- educational policy change updates
- networks via local chapters
- specialty publications
- support for exemplary practice
- support for new teachers
- teacher awards
- teaching resources and learning materials.

### **PSAs host for members**

- annual conferences
- annual general meetings
- local or regional conferences.

### **PSAs provide a collective voice to**

- help develop BCTF directions
- influence curriculum and assessment policies
- provide advice to the BCTF Executive Committee in order to influence the Ministry of Education.

### **PSA conferences**

The October PSA day is especially for, and organized by, PSAs. Many PSAs offer discounted conference rates to members. PSA conferences are featured on the BCTF's PD Calendar: [bctf.ca/PD-days.aspx](http://bctf.ca/PD-days.aspx).

### **PSA websites and publications**

Many PSAs maintain web pages and email lists and produce publications. More information [bctf.ca/psawebsites.aspx](http://bctf.ca/psawebsites.aspx).

### **How to join**

You can register or renew your membership online. Go to [www.bctf.ca/joinapsa](http://www.bctf.ca/joinapsa).

### **For further information**

Contact the BCTF at [psa-coordinator@bctf.ca](mailto:psa-coordinator@bctf.ca).