



Welcome to Kindergarten to Grade 9

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Overview

With support and resources to help learners succeed every step along the way, our kindergarten to Grade 9 educational program places your child at the centre of their learning journey.

You and your child work one-on-one with a B.C. certified educator who supports your family in all aspects of learning.



Creating a learning plan

At the beginning of each learning year, your learning consultant will co-create an individualized learning plan for your child, taking into account personal interests, goals and activities. You'll collaborate with your learning consultant to plan for activities, learning experiences and resources that fit your child's needs. SelfDesign does not send you any specific curriculum to engage with but supports your child's learning in a personalized way. As your child grows, more opportunities are provided to engage with curriculum-specific content to support a smooth transition into grade 10.

We also give you access to our Learning Experience Library which includes more than 150 curated resource offerings to explore. These Learning Experiences contain videos, book suggestions, articles, hands-on activities and more; and each one is linked to the B.C. curriculum in a cross-curricular way.



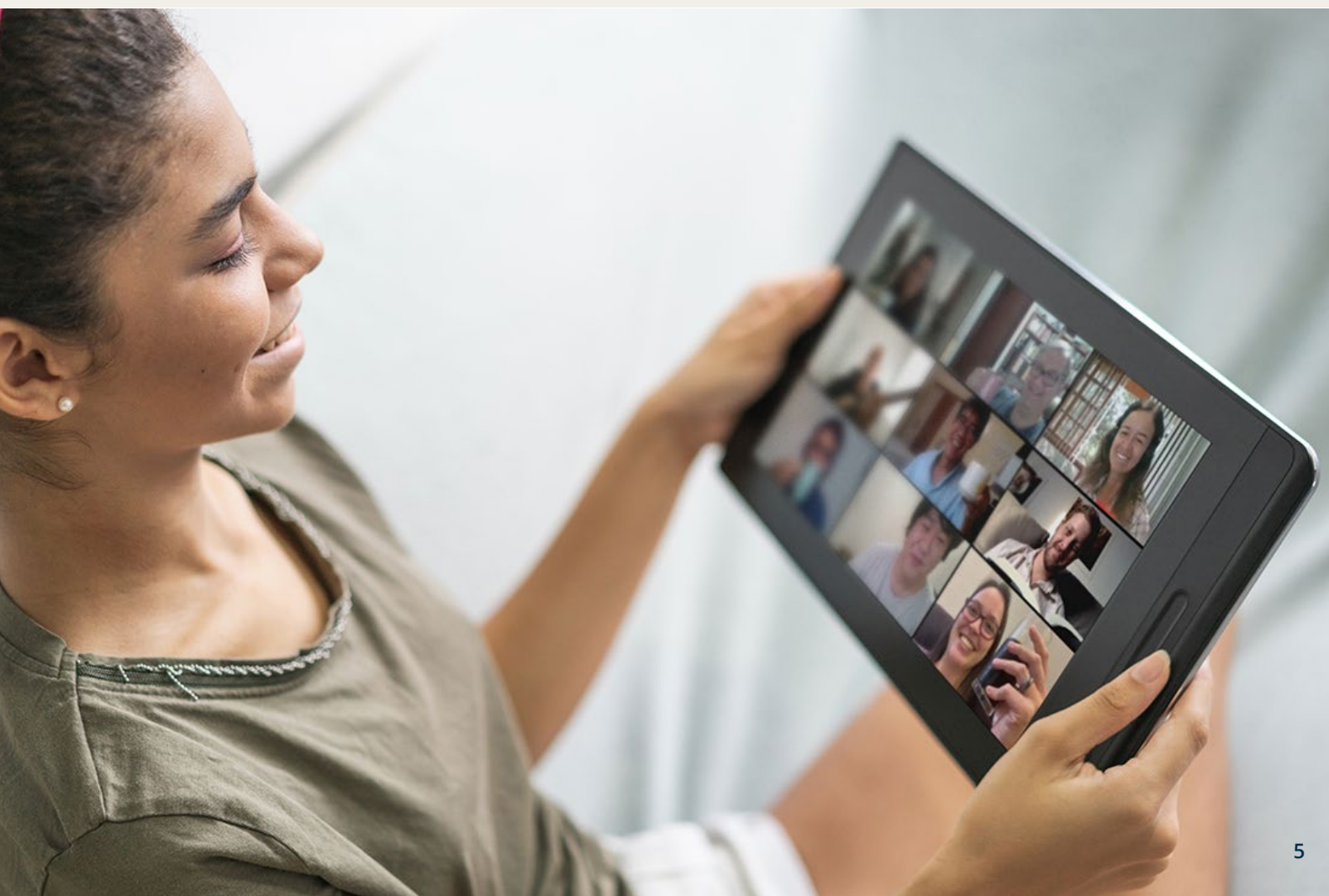
Relationships online and in the community

We provide you and your child with digital technologies and resources as a complement to real-world learning. This includes access to subscriptions such as Discovery Education and BrainPop, which we provide free of charge.

Your child will have the option to access real-time online connections with their peers and B.C. certified educators using web conferencing technology. They also work with their educator on our digital learning platform for communication through various online class environments, as well as access resources and extend their learning through the SelfDesign Learning Experiences Library.

We also support learning through relationships and in the community by providing various optional group learning opportunities and in-person events such as:

- Online workshops for grades 6 to 12
- Online forums for learners
- Seasonal, fun-filled in-person camp opportunities for grades 8 to 12
- Special interest clubs and groups



Observing for learning

At SelfDesign Learning Community, our B.C. certified educators participate in an ongoing weekly conversation with you and your child, and increasingly individually between your learning consultant and child as they grow into grade 6 and up. We call this type of communication and dialogue “Observing for Learning”. It’s led by your educator and is at the core of our kindergarten to grade 9 program and continues into grades 10-12.



Our B.C. certified educators

You and your child will choose from or be matched with one of nearly 185 B.C. certified educators, called learning consultants, who guide learning in your home environment. They work with you and your child to co-create individualized goals, interacting on a weekly basis with curiosity and inspiration.



Our learning consultants are B.C. certified educators.

Our educators work with learners one-to-one, with a low number of learners assigned to each educator. The ratios are even lower for educators providing support services for learners with disabilities or diverse abilities. They provide direction and resources to you and your child while validating learning for academic credit.

The role of the educator evolves as your child develops, from providing direct educational support for parents of younger learners to being a mentor and guide for youth as they enact their personalized learning.



Inclusive Education

Our tuition-free and inclusive K-12 program provides equal access to opportunities for all learners, including specific services to support learners of all ages with disabilities or diverse abilities.

We also provide services for all learners needing additional supports to maximize their learning opportunities and integrate our support services into every grade level of our program.

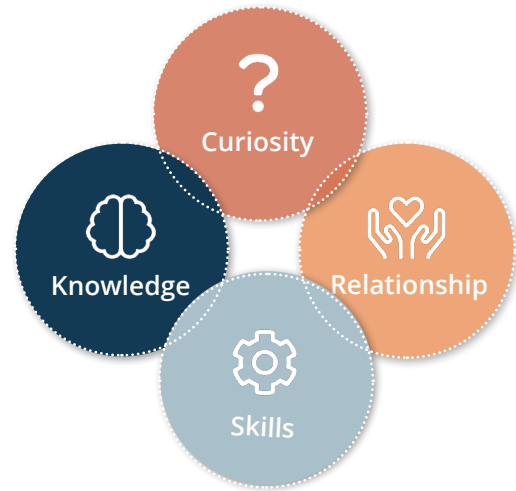
For more information, visit our Inclusive Education webpage [here](#).

Your child is unique so
we adapt our programming to them



Program goals

- Inspire learners to be excited and curious.
- Provide ample opportunity for learning opportunities and skill building, where age appropriate.
- Practice celebrating and honouring learning as it naturally occurs in one's home and community.
- Learn in relationship.
- Support learners to be prepared for and curious about grades 10-12.



What to expect – overview

Imagine a K-9 learning program that fosters a genuine love for learning alongside the support of dedicated educators.

- 1** **Learn within a B.C. certified educational program** that allows the unique spirit of your child to evolve naturally, today and into the future.
- 2** **Meet the needs of the playful spirit of the child** and the emerging maturity of the young person in our varied offerings. Opportunities to connect with peers through group-based learning.
- 3** **Work alongside a B.C. certified educator to create a personalized learning plan**, mapping your child's interests and curiosities, specifying resources and activities that will be used to facilitate learning and meet B.C. educational requirements.
- 4** **Work one-on-one directly with your educator**, who will guide you through your child's learning plan. As your child grows older, their direct relationship with the educator grows as well.



What to expect in Kindergarten to grade 5 and grades 6 and 7

Kindergarten to Grade 5

In the Observing for Learning process, you observe and reflect on your child's learning during that week which includes describing learning activities as well as the learner's engagement or emotional response. Your educator responds, reflects and shares in observing, and also matches your child's learning with B.C. Ministry of Education requirements.

Your educator will coach you in how to observe daily activities, assisting you in noticing learning as it unfolds in everyday moments.

Grades 6 and 7

As your child becomes a youth, they begin to collaborate directly with the educator in the Observing for Learning process, with parent-support as needed. This fosters and allows your child to form a deepened awareness of their own integrated learning, goals, interests and skills related to learning to learn such as time management, flexible thinking, and organizational skills.

Grade 6 and 7 marks the beginning of greater opportunity to engage with SelfDesign developed online learning opportunities in the form of live online gatherings with other learners focused on common themes.



What to expect in grades 8 and 9

Grades 8 and 9

Grades 8 and 9 follows a similar program to kindergarten to Grade 7 with further addition of theme-based live online offerings. These optional drop-in workshops offer playful, low-pressure opportunities for learners to enter into a collaborative online learning environment, to develop foundational skills, and to interact with the curriculum through the themes. Participation in these online offerings, as well as accessing curriculum content found in the 8-9 Theme class supports preparation for learners moving into grade 10-12.

Learners in grade 8-9 start to take on more responsibilities, engage in deeper Observing for Learning with their educator, and may explore connections with their peers online.

Learning takes place in a variety of environments — at home and in communities as well as in SelfDesign-organized offerings, from camps to community events to online forums and special interest groups (optional). Learners in grades 8-9 are included in clubs and groups usually reserved for learners in grades 10-12, including Learner Council, Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA), etc.





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