



ACCESSIBILITY POLICY & PLAN

September 1, 2023

Policy statement

Under the [Accessibility Act](#) all schools must have an Accessibility Committee, to develop an Accessibility Plan, and a method to receive feedback.

Rationale or purpose of policy

The purpose of this policy is to remove barriers and increase inclusion and independence for everyone. For the purpose of this Act, a barrier is anything that hinders the full and equal participation in society of a person with an impairment. An impairment can include physical, sensory, mental, intellectual, or cognitive impairment. Accessibility means that all people can take part in their communities through work, play and other daily activities.

Requirements of this Policy

1. Under the Act, schools must have an Accessibility Committee or belong to an association-level Accessibility Committee.
2. Schools must develop an Accessibility Plan
3. Schools must have a method to receive feedback on the Accessibility Plan

FRANKLIN SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Eric Miao (School Authority)

Stephen Fuerderer (Principal) as Chairperson

Franklin School is a member of FISA AMS. The AMS has established an association-level Accessibility Committee to provide guidance and assistance to member schools. To the extent possible, AMS has included persons from organizations that support persons with disabilities, indigenous persons, and others to reflect the diversity of persons in British Columbia. Furthermore, AMS will register this association-level Accessibility Committee on the BC Accessibility Hub at <https://bcaccessibilityhub.ca/committees/register-committee/>

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

- Sidewalks on our block along Hornby Street have wheelchair accessible ramps.
- Persons with mobility issues or physical disabilities have access to the school via the building elevator. Those with vehicles have access to designated handicap parking in the nearby parkades.
- Handicap accessible washrooms are located throughout the building and in our school, as required by the City of Vancouver.
- Our building facilities are regularly inspected for municipality compliance and the building manager schedules regular maintenance to assure safe working and learning environment for everyone in the building. The premises are always well lit, free of debris, and free of hazards.
- We can request that the building manager install an automatic door opener at the main entrance to the elevator, and in the meantime we can provide assistance to any person needing elevator access to our school.
- This Accessibility Plan will be reviewed at least once every three years.
- Questions or feedback please email stephen.fuerderer@franklinschool.ca