

# SET-BC/FNESC/FNSA Project 2009 – 2010



**SET-BC** (Special Education Technology - British Columbia), **FNESC** (First Nations Education Steering Committee) and **FNSA** (First Nations School Association) have collaborated to create this exciting project to provide assistive technology services to First Nations' schools in British Columbia.

FNESC is an independent society that is committed to improving education for all First Nations learners in British Columbia. FNESC is led by representatives of First Nations across the province. Further information about FNESC can be found at [www.fnesc.ca](http://www.fnesc.ca)

FNSA is a non-partisan organization committed to promoting First Nations control of education, and to improving and supporting the development of quality and culturally appropriate education for First Nations students. Further information about FNSA can be found at [www.fnsa.ca](http://www.fnsa.ca)

SET-BC is a provincially-funded education program that loans technology and provides technical support, training and resources to meet the educational needs of students with disabilities in British Columbia. Further information about SET-BC can be found at [www.setbc.org](http://www.setbc.org)

The FNESC - FNSA - SET-BC partnership takes advantage of SET-BC's infrastructure and resources to support students with disabilities in First Nations' schools.

What types of technology are provided for students?  
Most students need either a 'speaking tool' or a 'writing tool' to help them access the curriculum and achieve their educational goals. For example, students with special needs might benefit from use of:

- computers and specialized software, if they have difficulty with reading or writing;
- communication devices to provide them with a voice, if they have difficulty with speech or language;
- screen enlargement software or word processing programs with auditory feedback, if they have visual impairments or,
- special switches or computer keyboards for alternate access to learning materials, if they have physical disabilities.



## Who can apply?

- Federally-funded band schools in British Columbia can apply for assistive technology services for students with physical disabilities, visual impairments, moderate to profound cognitive challenges, and autism spectrum disorders through this project

## How do we apply?

- Complete a **Screening Checklist for SET-BC Services**, which can be downloaded from the **Special Education** page on the **FNESC website** ([www.fnesc.ca](http://www.fnesc.ca)) and submit it as directed on the form.
- Representatives from FNESC's Special Education Department and SET-BC review the requests and prioritize students to receive equipment and support.
- If your student is accepted, a project consultant will meet the school team to help determine what technologies are appropriate for the student and develop an implementation plan.
- Training can take place in the school after the equipment is delivered. In some cases meetings, training sessions, or follow-up sessions can take place in an online meeting.

## Who can we contact for further information?

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