

FOOTNOTES

steps toward a flourishing community

February 2025

HOW WE CONTINUE TO ADVANCE INNOVATION AND DESIGN

STEPS TO ADVANCING INNOVATION AND DESIGN

SEPTEMBER 2016 - 2021

Classroom Practice Innovative Projects (CPIP)

The Board of Trustees committed \$1 million dollars over 5 years to projects and practices that optimize teaching and student learning, achievement, and success.

OCTOBER 2019

Re-envisioning Policy 1 - Foundational Statements the Board opened conversations about the underlying philosophy of CTS/CTF across FSD.

MARCH 2021

The Board of Trustees met with the *UCP Skilled Trades Caucus* to share FSD's Career Futures document.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Implementation of the **Innovation and Design Framework**

APRIL 2023

Development of **AP 223** - Safety in Maker Centered Learning, Career and Technology Foundations and Career and Technology Studies

JULY 2025

The second year of the FSD Summer School First Responder program expands into two levels, and offers hands-on career experience and training.

APPROVED CPIP PROJECTS INCLUDED:

- Indigenous Student Support Initiative
- Foothills Emergency Services Program
- Spiraling Math
- Stories Matter
- Student-led Sustainability Project
- MicroSociety - Bringing Real Life to Learning
- Photography - Digital Recording
- Outdoor Education - An Intervention for Students at Risk
- Transforming Classrooms into Thinking Cultures
- Thoughtbooks
- Project Zero – Cross-curricular Visible Thinking Routines Cultures of thinking
- Development and implementation of STEAM
- Place-based, Nature-based Learning Initiative

WELCOME

Welcome to the Footnotes, a monthly newsletter showcasing how Foothills School Division (FSD) is placing education at the centre of a flourishing community.

These highlights are assurance to our school community that the Board of Trustees is actioning the goals and priorities of FSD's annual Education Plan making visible how the work of the Board is connected to schools and students in their classrooms.

INNOVATION & DESIGN PROGRAMMING IN FSD



MAKER - CENTERED LEARNING

K-4



CAREER & TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATIONS

5-9



CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

10-12

CHOICE WITHIN A PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

CAREER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS (K-12) ACROSS FSD

FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DIVISION

K-12 CAREER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

1 CAREER EDUCATION

Students **prepare** for their future when engaged in career education from kindergarten through grade 12. Career exploration, flexible learning environments, and active learning experiences increase opportunities for students to learn about possible careers.



2 MAKER CENTERED LEARNING (K-4)

Students **investigate** design thinking and jobs people do through hands-on, play-based learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Literacy and Mathematics/Numeracy (STEAM).



3 CAREER TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATIONS (5-9)

Students gain practical knowledge and develop skills in various occupational areas and technologies to **explore** opportunities to plan, design, create, and implement solutions for real-life problems and challenges.



4 CAREER TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (10-12)

Students **innovate** through a variety of learning opportunities to develop skills that can be applied in their daily lives, improve their employability, and prepare them as they transition from high school.



5 BEYOND SCHOOL WALLS

Student learning opportunities beyond school walls to acquire knowledge, skills, attitudes, and practical **experience** and achieve life and career goals. The Foothills School Division provides a variety of career education opportunities.



The Foothills School Division offers several summer learning opportunities that allow students to explore and experience the world of work while earning high school credits and other credentials.

Students may speak with their school's Academic and Career Advisor to better understand their own career goals, the opportunities and avenues to achieve those goals, prerequisites (if applicable), and application process to programs. Summer career programs start in May. Get connected with your advisor today!

LEARN MORE: bit.ly/FSD_CareerEd



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SUMMER SCHOOL

Catch Up | Keep Up | Get Ahead
July 2 - 29, 2025

Registration open April 15 to June 9, 2025.

LEARN MORE: [BIT.LY/FSD_SUMMERSCHOOL](https://bit.ly/FSD_SUMMERSCHOOL)

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