

Saanich Equitable Access Team (SEAT)

Who

The Saanich Equitable Access Team (SEAT) is a district committee made up of parents, support staff, teachers, district staff, and community members from the Saanich Schools learning community.

Purpose

- To identify, prevent and remove barriers to access and learning in Saanich Schools.
- To give community members with disabilities a voice in this planning.
- To create and carry out an accessibility plan in the district.
- To meet the requirements of Accessibility BC Act legislation.

Accessible BC Act

A Government of British Columbia act that requires all public organizations to have a plan to identify and address all barriers to the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities.

<https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/21019>

Our Approach

Consultation

SEAT will create opportunities for people to share their experiences about accessing educational services and supports and/or employment within the Saanich School District. These consultations will be through surveys, PAC meetings, staff meetings, student voice meetings, online sessions and drop-in sessions.

All school community members will be invited to be involved, especially those who may have experienced or witnessed accessibility barriers to participation with Saanich Schools.

Planning

SEAT will review the data that is gathered and create an Accessibility Plan to guide the district. This plan will be shared on the Saanich School District website.

Types of barriers to access **may** include a combination of:

- physical barriers
- attitudes and other forms of discrimination
- resourcing
- practice and policies
- communication and technology

Feedback Mechanism on District Website

We welcome and value your feedback. Information can be shared with SEAT at any time on our feedback webpage – <https://saanichschools.ca/form/seat-feedback>