



TREATIES

RECOGNITION WEEK

In 2016, the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs declared the first week of November of every year as Treaties Recognition Week to honour treaties, help Ontarians learn about their significance and understand our collective responsibilities as treaty people (Bill 207, Treaties Recognition Week Act, 2016). In the 2019-20 school year, Treaties Recognition Week will begin on November 4, 2019. Learning about treaties and the histories, perspectives and contributions of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples is an important part of the learning experience for all Ontario students. The Ministry of Education works with the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs to support its annual public awareness campaign to increase knowledge and understanding of treaties and treaty relationships. This campaign includes resources that can be used by Ontario teachers in the classroom plan curriculum-linked activities about treaties. These resources include:

Ontario's Treaties webpage, available at: www.ontario.ca/treaties

- This resource includes information on treaties, treaty relationships, treaty rights, a map of Ontario treaties and reserves and other treaty learning resources.

The Treaties Map, which illustrates all the First Nations and treaties in Ontario, available at: files.ontario.ca/treaties_map_english.pdf.

Videos of Indigenous speakers sharing their knowledge about the importance of treaties, treaty relationships and rights in Ontario, available at: <http://www.ontario.ca/page/videos-indigenous-voices-treaties>

The revised [Social Studies, Grades 1 – 6](#); [History and Geography, Grades 7 – 8 curriculum](#) and the [Canadian and World Studies, Grades 9 – 10 curriculum](#) which make learning about First Nation, Métis and Inuit perspectives, cultures, contributions and histories, including topics of significance, such as residential schools and treaties, a mandatory component of every student's education in Grades 4 to 8 and Grade 10.

The revised [First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies, Grades 9-12 curriculum](#) which was developed to increase students' learning about First Nation, Métis and Inuit perspectives, cultures, contributions and histories in areas such as art, literature, law, humanities, politics and history.

To learn more about Treaties Recognition Week, please visit <http://www.ontario.ca/treaties>