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Description

This resource is a comprehensive teacher guide that deals with LGBTQ issues and can be used in all B.C. schools. The first four chapters provide educators with the background knowledge and necessary tools for dealing with the subject area. The next section--Lesson Plans—is divided into lessons for primary, intermediate, and secondary grades and can be used individually or as a unit. The final section lists helpful books, videos, web sites, and community groups and services for LGBTQ youth in B.C. A section that outlines the legal rights and obligations of educators as it pertains to sexuality education is included, as is a comprehensive chronology of advances in LGBTQ rights in Canada and in B.C.

Resource Strengths

The target audience is teachers and students in Grades K-12, but the material and lessons can be used in multiple school situations (PAC meetings, professional development workshops, parent informational presentations and workshops, etc.). The lesson plans and topics are presented in age-appropriate ways and can help educators who are reluctant and/or uncomfortable address LGBTQ issues in meaningful ways. Lesson plans include learning outcomes, vocabulary, context, activities, handouts, resources, and assessment ideas. A wide variety of instructional strategies is included. The resource can also be used by school administrators and social justice advocates to promote and educate their staff about LGBTQ issues and what staff members can do to support anti-gay bullying.

Resource Considerations

Teachers should familiarize themselves with the information before proceeding to the lesson plans. Educators and students are encouraged to examine derogatory language and focus on the harm that these terms do to people, and educators are encouraged to speak out and educate regarding myths and stereotypes about sexual orientation and gender identity. Assessment ideas do not include rubrics. Note that the statistics used in "Just the Facts...On Gay and Lesbian Students and Schools" are outdated (early 1990s), but more current research and statistics are used throughout the rest of the resource.

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