

AP 158 – Territorial Land Acknowledgement

Background:

Recognizing the traditional territory, you are on follows a customary protocol of acknowledging the traditional stewards of the land. Following this protocol is an important way of showing respect to those that have lived on the land since time immemorial. Acknowledging the traditional territory is also serves to deepen our understanding, build respect for, and fosters relationships between our local Indigenous peoples and the greater community. West Vancouver Schools resides on the traditional territory of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation.

Procedures:

1. Land acknowledgements are held at the start of all official Board events including all Board Meetings.
2. The host of the event, invited guest, or a designated staff member or student may acknowledge the traditional territory at the formal beginning of the meeting.
3. Major school events including assemblies, awards nights, and graduation ceremonies should also include a land acknowledgements.
4. Schools are encouraged to have Parent Advisory Councils and other groups associated with the school perform the land acknowledgement at the beginning of their meetings.