



JCSH Strategic Directions 2025-2030



VISION

Children and youth in Canada are thriving in school communities that are committed to optimal health, well-being, and learning

MISSION

To work collaboratively across jurisdictions and between the education and health sectors to support optimal health, well-being, and learning of children and youth in school communities

GOVERNANCE

Ministries of Education and Ministries responsible for Health/Wellness in 12 provinces and territories, and the Public Health Agency of Canada representing the Federal Government

OBJECTIVE 1

Maintain JCSH as the forum for health & education ministries' community of practice.

OBJECTIVE 2

Maintain JCSH as the cross-disciplinary forum to engage health / education sector perspectives

OBJECTIVE 3

Strengthen the promotion & dissemination of JCSH tools, resources within & across jurisdictions

OBJECTIVE 4

Update JCSH tools and resources to ensure they respond to evolving priorities

OBJECTIVE 5

Incorporate principles of Truth and Reconciliation into JCSH strategic directions

OBJECTIVE 6

Maintain accountability to partner jurisdictions and funders, to be achieved over JCSH mandate



Government Forum

Maintain JCSH as the forum for provincial and territorial health and education ministries and the federal government to share information, to serve as a community of practice, to advance health promoting schools in their jurisdictions

Evolving Priorities

Update JCSH tools and resources to ensure they continue to be responsive to evolving priorities in the education and health sectors, while identifying opportunities to leverage other information and best practices that support health promoting schools

Health & Education Engagement

Maintain the JCSH as the cross disciplinary forum to engage jointly the health and education sectors' perspectives

Truth & Reconciliation

Incorporate principles of Truth and Reconciliation into strategic directions of JCSH

Tools & Resources

Strengthen the promotion and dissemination of JCSH tools and resources and improve data collection and analysis on the effectiveness of their uptake and use across jurisdictions

Accountability

Maintain accountability to partner jurisdictions and funders, supported by benchmarks and indicators for milestones to be achieved over the JCSH mandate





JCSH Mandate Resources 2025-2030

- ✓ **JCSH Web Site (2026)**
<https://www.jcsh-cces.ca/>
- ✓ **JCSH Health Promoting Schools Framework (2008/2012/2024)**
<https://www.jcsh-cces.ca/en/concepts/health-promoting-schools/>
- ✓ **JCSH Annual Report (2025)**
https://www.jcsh-cces.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/JCSHAR2025_Eng.Final_.pdf
- ✓ **JCSH Statement on Reconciliation (English, French, Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun - 2018)**
<https://www.jcsh-cces.ca/en/resources/jcsh-core-resources/>
- ✓ **JCSH Youth Engagement Toolkit (2026)**
<https://toolkits.jcsh-cces.ca/youth-engagement/>
- ✓ **JCSH School Well-being Toolkit (2026)**
<https://toolkits.jcsh-cces.ca/school-well-being/>
- ✓ **Rethinking Conversation Around Youth Substance Use: Addressing the Prevention of Substance Use Harms in Canadian Youth (2022)**
<https://www.jcsh-cces.ca/en/news/rethinking-conversation-around-youth-substance-use/>
- ✓ **Healthy School Planner (redevelopment - 3 Phases)**
 - Phase 1: Canadian Standards and Indicators for Health Promoting Schools (2023)**
<https://www.jcsh-cces.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/EN-Canadian-Standards-and-Indicators-for-Health-Promoting-Schools.pdf>
 - Phase 2: Promoting Adoption and Implementation of the Canadian Standards and Indicators for Health Promoting Schools across Canada (2025)**
https://www.jcsh-cces.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/JCSH-II-End-Report_2025-02-27_FINAL.pdf
 - Phase 3: Healthy School Planner - new resource: In Development 2026**
- ✓ **Core Indicators Model for Comprehensive School Health and Academic Achievement (2016)**
https://www.jcsh-cces.ca/images/Core_Indicators_Model_2016.pdf