

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

POSITION VACANCY

May 5, 2026

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVOCATE

30 hours per week – temporary
Plus 0.5 temporary SSLIF hours per week

POSTING NO. C04-2026/27

Commencing September 8, 2026 to June 29, 2027
or return of incumbent, on days when school is in session

For this position the School District has received special program approval on April 1, 2011 from the BC Human Rights Tribunal to hire only candidates of Aboriginal ancestry.

LOCATION:

Southern Okanagan Secondary School

CLOSING DATE:

May 12, 2026 at 1:00 pm

It is the **responsibility of the applicant** to ensure their application is received at the School Board Office by the closing date.

WAGE:

Job 128 - pay grade F per Collective Agreement

**DUTIES AND
REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

Per attached job description

Please forward application to employment@sd53.bc.ca OR fax 250-498-4070

INTERNAL APPLICANTS: If applying for a position different from the one you currently hold include information to demonstrate how your skills/education/experience correspond to the job description qualifications and provide relevant documentation.

EXTERNAL APPLICANTS: Information can be found at <https://www.sd53.bc.ca/apps/pages/ApplicationGuidelines>

Distribution: all sites (for **immediate** posting) and CUPE Local 523

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Job Description**

JOB TITLE:	INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVOCATE
JOB NUMBER:	128
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Principal or Designate
JOB SUMMARY:	Under the supervision of the principal or designate, and the guidance of classroom and district Indigenous education teacher(s), the Indigenous education advocate provides Indigenous supports to the school community.

JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. assist students in the development of effective coping strategies in areas such as academics, social, emotional, and behavioural;
2. facilitate understanding of Okanagan culture and values, utilize appropriate strategies that support and honour Indigenous perspectives and protocols;
3. build relationships with students and family members to strengthen connections with the school community;
4. liaise with the Indigenous language teacher to support language and culture within the curriculum;
5. connect students and their families with school and community services, resources and supports;
6. liaise with school/district staff, families, Bands, community agencies and professionals regarding student success (includes arranging for parental consent for student information sharing);
7. monitor student progress through the collection of objective data as requested;
8. support students in transitioning to new school;
9. utilize technology to support student learning;
10. participate in job-related training and staff development;
11. communicate positively and effectively, and interact as a collaborative and consultative team member;
12. understand and act in accordance with school and district policies and procedures, district Health & Safety Manual and WorkSafeBC regulations;
13. maintain confidentiality; and
14. other duties as assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Note: The Okanagan Similkameen School District received special program approval on April 1, 2011 from the BC Human Rights Tribunal to hire only candidates of Indigenous ancestry for Indigenous Education Advocates.

1. grade 12;
2. six months experience working with students and their families to obtain knowledge of the needs and issues of Indigenous students, and the resources and services available to them;
3. knowledge and understanding of Okanagan culture and values (Okanagan language skills would be an asset);
4. BC driver's licence;
5. demonstrated computer literacy skills including the ability to integrate the use of technology to support an effective learning environment;
6. ability to take direction from supervisor(s) and work as part of a team;
7. effective communication skills in verbal, written and electronic format;
8. strong problem-solving and organizational skills; and
9. physical ability to perform all aspects of the position.

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Note: Clear criminal record checks are required prior to employment with the district.