

WVL Centre Society - Society Act Constitution

1. The name of the Society is WVL CENTRE SOCIETY.

2. The purposes of the Society are:

a). To establish and provide academic and vocational opportunities for students aged 6 to 19 within an inclusive and personalized 21st Century educational environment

Rationale: The overarching principle guiding WVL Centre Society is to provide educational experiences to develop and consolidate academic and vocational funds of knowledge that support individuals in their life-long learning journey.

A considerable number of K-12 learners turn to online/distance education services due to challenges related to identified/ diagnosed learning differences and/or chronic health conditions. Entry to all Society programs is subject to meeting the criteria outlined for each program. Students are able to develop confidence and skills within a framework of individual/ small group instruction that includes academic instruction, meaningful hands-on activities and supportive relationships.

Programming includes:

- a K-12 day program developed around the unique needs and learning goals of each individual in collaboration with other educational service providers and families within the BC Ministry of Education Graduation or School Completion programs (Dogwood or Evergreen)
- tutoring and small group programs providing direct individual instruction and remediation in literacy and numeracy that support increased skills development and access to the BC curriculum

b). Provide “Garden to Table” education and programs to residents of the Cowichan Valley, ages 6 - 19

Rationale:

With the increasing complexity of food security and the interest in a sustainable, interdependent and local source for natural foods, WVL Centre Society seeks to create educational programs to support individuals and families in their interest in and access to affordable and nutritious food options. These programs emphasize both the development of scientific, evidence-based knowledge as well as hands-on opportunities to engage in experimentation and project development that support the Curricular Content and Competencies of the BC Curriculum across the grades. Topics include:

- a) Understanding nutrition and the benefits of healthy food choices
- b) Learning where and how food is produced
- c) Participation in individual and community gardening projects
- d) Preparing and storing nutritious meal options
- e) Understanding Foodsafe and knowledge of safe food preparation and storage
- f) Understanding the importance of soil, composting and related concepts
- g) Gardening practices including the planting and harvesting of fruit and vegetables and the safe use of tools and equipment
- h) Planning and design elements of gardens in all kinds of spaces, including, apartments, tiny houses and community garden (alternate forms of garden space)

Programming includes:

- a practical Garden to Table program including experiences from growing seedlings to mature plants and transforming those resources into healthy snack and meal options.

c) Provide enriched after school and school break day camps in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) to residents of the Cowichan Valley, ages 6+

Rationale:

Educational programming in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math topics provide opportunities for skills development in functional, business, and/or creative technology, opportunities for creative expression through writing, mixed media, and the arts, and structured activities to strengthen social skill development.

3. On dissolution of this Society, funds or assets remaining after all debts are paid shall be transferred to a charitable institution with purposes similar to those of this Society, or, if this cannot be done, another charitable institution recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency as qualified under the provisions of the Income Tax Act of Canada.

4. The purposes of the Society shall be carried out without the purpose of gain for its members and, any profits or other accretions of the Society shall be used for promoting its purposes.

5. Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 (this paragraph) of this constitution are unalterable in accordance with the Society Act.

6. Notwithstanding, the provisions of Paragraph 3 of this constitution, upon dissolution and after payment of all debts and liabilities, all remaining assets will be distributed and disposed of to a qualified (what is the word we want here?) described in subsection 149.1 (1) of the Income Tax Act. This provision is unalterable.