

## Talking Points

Start a conversation about math education.

New curriculum. New assessment practices. New technology. New textbooks. New decade. New century. New millennium.

Now is as good a time as any to take a good, hard look at what it is we do and how we do it.

- What is numeracy? How is it different from (related to) mathematics?
- How are numeracy and literacy related?
- What does it mean to be successful in mathematics? Who can achieve such success?
- What does it mean to say all students can learn mathematics?
- What would be required for one course in mathematics to meet the needs of all learners?



**Focused professional dialogue — the surest means to sustained professional growth.**

- What barriers keep some from achieving success in mathematics, and how might these barriers be overcome?
- What might result from assessment practices that value the learner and inform the learner?
- What common threads run through our curriculum, K to 12?



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## CONNECT:

We hope you will take advantage of some of the programs and services described here..

When you join the BCAMT you are forming connections with hundreds of other dedicated professionals.

Visit an executive member at our display booth during one of our conferences for more information about the BCAMT.

*Promoting Excellence in Mathematics Education*

# BCAMT

British Columbia  
Association  
of Mathematics  
Teachers



**Programs and  
Services**

# What We Do

*Our Mission: Promoting Excellence in Mathematics Education*



## A Provincial Specialist Association (PSA)

We are one of 33 PSAs, which are a professional development arm of the BCTF. We currently have over 1000 members.

We are also an affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM).

## Events

Each year we hold a conference in the Fall on the PSA day. We also hold a new teachers and Interior math conference each Spring.

Every third year, we host the Northwest Mathematics Conference, either in Whistler or Victoria. This event welcomes teachers from the northwestern USA and Alberta in addition to BC teachers.

We also host regional meetings every year in various locations around the province. Look for an event in your area.

## Publications

Our award-winning journal, *Vector*, is published three times per year and mailed to members.

We also publish a newsletter for members three times per year to inform them of new initiatives, important dates and events, and developments in math education.

We are currently working on archiving our publications.

## Connections

To connect members of the broader math education community, we maintain a thriving email listserv. To join, contact listserv moderator, Colin McLellan, [cmclellan@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:cmclellan@sd38.bc.ca).

Our website, [www.bcamt.ca](http://www.bcamt.ca), also offers connections to information about our association and various resources.

Of course, our publications and events are opportunities to connect as well.

## Advocacy

The executive of the BCAMT speaks out on issues in mathematics education.

We publish position statements on major issues affecting teachers.

We represent K to 12 math teachers in BC at various stakeholder meetings and forums.

We maintain affiliation with or membership in several other math education organizations.



To recognize excellent teaching and support excellent initiatives, we offer awards and grants.

## Awards

Nominate an excellent teacher you know: New Teacher, Elementary, Secondary, Service, Lifetime Membership.

Nomination forms available at [www.bcamt.ca](http://www.bcamt.ca)

## Grants

Grants up to \$1000 available for excellent initiatives that support our goals and contribute to BC math education.

Application forms available at [www.bcamt.ca](http://www.bcamt.ca)