The Consortium
Calgary Office

Overview of Learning Disabilities

PRESENTED BY

Kim McLean

SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
January 30, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION

FFCA - Learning Centre - 110 - 7000 Railway St. SE

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Learning Opportunity

Target Audience: Grades 3-10 classroom teachers, administrators, educational assistants, pre-service teachers, and professionals who work with individuals with learning disabilities are encouraged to attend.

This session aims to provide an overview of learning disabilities, covering the history and a focuson the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC) definition of LD and its implications on student learning. Participants will learn about key milestones and influential research that has shaped our current understanding. There will also be a focus on the brain, specifically the neurological factors that impact the cognitive processes. Lastly, participants will take away some key evidence-based instructional approaches, assistive technology and accommodations that can create inclusive learning environments for all students. By the end of the session, participants should be able to answer the following: “How do I know this is a learning disability?” “What can I do to help, given my classroom context?” and “How do I know it is working?”.

Presenters

Kim McLean

Kim McLean has been a special education teacher for over 40 years, teaching grades 4 – 12; and is the former Principal of Calgary Academy and Foothills Academy; both independent schools dedicated to providing education to students with learning disabilities and ADHD. Kim was also Principal of Calgary Quest school, a school for students with complex learning needs. She received her master’s degree from Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts where her focus was on, “Metacognitive Lesson Planning for Students with Learning Disabilities.”. During this time Kim continued to volunteer with the Calgary chapter of LDAA as co-chair of several provincial conferences and presenting workshops for LDAC, parents, teachers, schools and school boards across North America on topics ranging from an introduction to learning disabilities, reading, class management, and executive functioning. She is a former University of Calgary sessional instructor in learning

disabilities, LDAC Board member and Chair of the LDAC Research Committee. Currently she is the Executive Director of Learning Disabilities Association of Canada