ENSS
EAST NORTHUMBERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

Local Roots. Bright Futures.

CGC1WH

EXPLORING CANADIAN GEOGRAPHY

GRADE 9 | PEOPLE | PLACES | POSSIBILITIES



WHY GEOGRAPHY?

CGC1WH – Exploring Canadian Geography is a Grade 9 course that helps you understand Canada's people, places, environments and economy. You'll explore real-world issues, build valuable skills and learn how to make informed decisions for a more sustainable and equitable future.

REAL PLACES. REAL ISSUES. REAL IMPACT.

BIG IDEAS

In this course, you will learn that...

- People, places and environments are interconnected.
- Geographic patterns help us understand our world.
- Human activities have environmental consequences.
- Resources must be managed sustainably.
- Communities can be designed to be healthier, more equitable and more resilient.
- Informed citizens can create positive change locally and globally.

SKILLS YOU'LL BUILD

Through hands-on learning and inquiry, you will develop and strengthen:

- Geographic inquiry and research skills
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Data analysis and interpretation
- Mapping and geospatial technology skills
- Communication and presentation skills
- Collaboration and leadership
- Evidence-based decision making
- Environmental citizenship

Geography skills take you further — in school, in your career and in life!

WHAT WILL YOU EXPLORE AT ENSS?

Our CGC1WH course is organized into five main units:

1. GEOGRAPHER'S TOOLKIT



Build the essential skills geographers use to understand the world.

- Map labelling
- Alpha-numeric and military grids
- Latitude and longitude
- Topographic maps
- Time zones
- Contour lines
- Spatial thinking and navigation

MAPS HELP TELL STORIES.

2. PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY



Explore the natural processes that shape Canada and our planet.

- Tectonics
- Geologic eras
- Natural disasters
- Landform regions
- Glaciation
- Climate and weather systems

OUR PLANET IS ALWAYS CHANGING.

3. NATURAL RESOURCES & ECONOMY



Investigate how Canada's resources drive our economy and shape our communities.

- Primary resources:
  - Agriculture
  - Fishing
  - Water
  - Mining
  - Energy
  - Forestry
- Secondary and tertiary industries

PEOPLE USE RESOURCES. PEOPLE CREATE OPPORTUNITIES.

4. HUMAN GEOGRAPHY



Examine how people interact with places and environments across Canada.

- Demographics
- Urbanization
- Immigration
- Culture and identity
- Population trends
- Quality of life in Canada

DIVERSE PEOPLE. STRONGER COMMUNITIES.

5. CREATING LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES



Explore the challenges and opportunities for a more sustainable future.

- Futurism and city planning
- Waste management
- Ecological footprint
- Climate change
- Sustainable development
- Building resilient communities

TODAY'S CHOICES SHAPE TOMORROW.

