

Our Territory

The Chilliwack School District is located in the heart of the Stó:lō (People of the River) territory. Surrounded by the Ts'elxweyeqw, Pilalt and Sema:th communities, the Sto:lo refer to this as Solh Temexw (our world).

We honour and acknowledge our history, live in the present and look to the future to guide all teaching and learning.

It is with this vision:

Syos:ys lets'e th'ale, lets'emo:t
(One heart, one mind, working together for a common purpose)

Stó:lō Shxweli elders teach that Halq'eme'ylem language learning will advance knowledge and understanding of Sto:lo history and heritage.

T'selxweyeqw is situated in the lower Fraser River watershed. It is a place where the fresh waters meet and flow into the Fraser River. Stó:lō elders share that this is the place where dug-out cedar canoes were “going back upstream” out of the Fraser River. The name Chilliwack is derived from the Halq'eme'ylem word T'selxweyeqw.

