

# Become an Accessibility Champion!

Check the **Yes** or **No** answer for each question to identify potential barriers to accessibility in public spaces in your community.

## ACCESSIBLE FEATURES

Does your school have this feature?

	YES	NO
<b>Ramps</b> to main entrances to make it easy for people of all abilities to get to and from school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Accessible playground equipment</b> (accessible swings, ramps, textured surfaces and sound elements) to allow people of all abilities to play together.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Smooth surfaces and pathways</b> to allow people of all abilities to access playground equipment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Stairs</b> with colourful markings and grooves or rough textures so you can feel where each stair ends.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Accessible parking spaces</b> are clearly marked, close to the front entrance, and reserved for people with disabilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Automatic doors</b> that are easy to open by pushing a button.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Fire alarms</b> with visual flashing lights in addition to loud noises to be seen and heard.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Signs with large font or Braille</b> that are easy to read.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Accessible washrooms</b> with at least one stall reserved for people who use a wheelchair.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Empowering a New Generation of Accessibility Champions

The Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) is dedicated to improving accessibility in all the places where we live, work, play and learn.

The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program (RHFSP) is based on Rick's belief in the power of youth and their ability to change the world. Building on Rick's legacy, RHFSP raises awareness and changes attitudes about accessibility and inclusion, and empowers youth to take action on issues that matter to them.

### 100% of educators

who have used RHFSP resources reported they intend to use them again and are likely to recommend them to other educators.\*

\*2016-2017 RHFSP end-of-year survey results

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The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program teaches youth about disability, accessibility, and inclusion.



RHFSP educational materials are:

- free, ready-made and incorporate Universal Design principles.
- developed by educators, for educators.
- connected to provincial curriculum currently used by teachers.

Available Toolkits	
<b>Abilities In Motion (gr. K-12)</b> Identifying physical barriers to accessibility, developing solutions, and understanding disability.	<b>Personal Leadership (gr. 8-12)</b> Identifying personal passions, and helping students recognize their potential.
<b>Rick Hansen Story (gr. 1-8)</b> Learning empathy and collaboration through Rick Hansen’s story.	<b>Difference Makers (gr. 3-12)</b> Changing attitudes and developing well-rounded students.

“ All the lessons are clear and concise, and aid in teaching the key messages to enhance character education and living skills. Many students still recall these awesome conversations months later. — Educator ”


Approximately **150,000** students across Canada are reached annually by RHFSP resources.

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Ambassador presentations

Students and educators have an opportunity to connect first-hand with RHF Ambassadors, a dynamic team of people with disabilities across the country. Through their inspiring personal stories of overcoming barriers, students learn how to recognize and break down physical barriers to access in order to promote inclusion.

Presentations can be held on their own or used to support RHFSP educational materials.



Ambassador presentations have been given to schools and communities across Canada in 2016-17.

“ The Ambassador made me realize that we need to include all people and create places that are accessible for all different kinds of people and abilities. — Student ”

Personalized support for educators

Our team of RHFSP Regional Coordinators across Canada are available to:

- Answer questions and offer suggestions on using our materials;
- Book Ambassador presentations; and
- Deliver professional development workshops.

