

READY... SET... GROW

This is the time of year when teachers turn their attention to (among dozens of other things) their professional growth plans.

A meaningful plan enhances a teacher's professional practice. A key component of such a plan are the teachers' conventions, which enhance professional practice by providing teachers and school leaders with opportunities to share innovative practices, learn about innovative pedagogical practices and theories from top-notch speakers, and meet their self-directed learning goals as they relate to their professional standard.

Membership in a specialist council is another potentially integral component of a teacher's professional growth plan. Your association has 21 specialist councils, and every active member is entitled to join one at no cost. Specialist councils organize annual conferences, produce publications, maintain websites and offer regional workshops and seminars, thus providing professional development opportunities and promoting teachers' expertise in curriculum and specialty areas.

TEACHERS' CONVENTIONS

2020 CONVENTION THEMES

- Responding to changes in the educational landscape
- Teaching in inclusive classrooms
- Educating for reconciliation
- The critical use of technology and digital citizenship
- Leading complex learning communities

North Central Teachers' Convention

Date: February 6-7, 2020
Location: Edmonton Conference Centre
Contact: Pam Arnason, president: president@nctca.ab.ca
Website: www.mynctca.com

Endless Skies Teachers' Convention

Date: February 13-14, 2020
Location: Edmonton Convention Centre
Contact: Adrienne Sprecker, president: adrienne.sprecker@icloud.com
Website: http://netca.teachers.ab.ca
The North East and Central East convention associations have amalgamated to form Endless Skies.

Calgary City Teachers' Convention

Date: February 13-14, 2020
Location: Telus Convention Centre, Calgary
Contact: Lisa Fulton, co-president: lfulton@telusplanet.net
Shae Frisby-Holowaychuk, co-president: sfrisby@shaw.ca
Website: www.cctca.com

Palliser District Teachers' Convention

Date: February 20-21, 2020
Location: Telus Convention Centre, Calgary
Contact: Jennifer Munton, president: jmunton@shaw.ca
Website: www.pdtca.org

Central Alberta Teachers' Convention

Date: February 20-21, 2020
Location: Hunting Hills and Notre Dame high schools, Red Deer
Contact: David Martin, president: teacher.david.martin@gmail.com
Website: www.mycatca.com

South Western Alberta Teachers' Convention

Convention

Date: Feb. 20-21, 2020
Location: University of Lethbridge
Contact: Jennifer Giles, president: giles-jenn@hotmail.com
Website: www.swatca.ca

Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention

Date: February 20-21, 2020
Location: Medicine Hat College
Contact: Cameron Bernhard, president: cam.bernhard@grasslands.ab.ca
Website: www.seatca.ca

Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention

Date: February 27-28, 2020
Location: Edmonton Convention Centre
Contact: Lloyd Bloomfield, president: president@getca.com
Website: www.getca.com

Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention

Date: March 5-6, 2020
Location: Grande Prairie Composite High School and Peace Wapiti Academy
Contact: Jodie Dell, president: mptcpresident@gmail.com
Website: mptca.teachers.ab.ca

Alberta School Library Council

Date: April 3-5, 2020
Website: www.aslc.ca

Career and Technology Education Council

Date: November 22-24, 2019
Location: Jasper Place High School/ Double Tree by Hilton West Edmonton
Theme: Right Skills, Right Place, Right Time
Contact: Tim Kilburn
Email: President@ctecalberta.ca
Website: ctec.teachers.ab.ca/Pages/Home.aspx

Le Conseil français

Date: November 15-17, 2019
Website: cf.teachers.ab.ca

Council for Inclusive Education

Date: October 18-19, 2019
Location: Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton
Theme: Celebrating the Challenges
Contact: Carol Knott
Email: cknott@live.ca
Website: https://cieeducation.ca

Council for School Leadership

Date: April 10-14, 2020
Contact: Jeff Johnson
Website: ulead.ca

Council of School Counsellors

Date: April 30-May 3, 2020
Location: Lethbridge College
Theme: 20/20 Vision Towards Wellness
Email: conferencedirector@guidancecouncil.ca
Website: www.ataschoolcounsellors.com

Early Childhood Education Council

Date: April 23-25, 2020
Location: Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff
Theme: Connecting to our Roots
Contact 1: Joy de Nance
Email: jdenance@telusplanet.net
Contact 2: Katarina Rivard
Email: rivardkatarina@gmail.com
Website: www.ecec-ata.com

Educational Technology Council

Date: September 27, 2019
Location: 11010 142 Street, Edmonton
Theme: Plug into Teaching and Learning
Contact: Ryan Layton
Email: ryan.layton@eips.ca
Website: etc.teachers.ab.ca/pages/home.aspx

English as a Second Language Council

Date: April 3-5, 2020
Location: Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper
Theme: A Clear Vision to a Brighter Future
Contact: Diane Pham
Email: ataeslcpastpresident@gmail.com
Website: www.eslcata.com/conference

English Language Arts Council

Date: May 1-2, 2020
Location: Banff Park Lodge, Banff
Theme: Disrupt, Engage, Empower
Contact 1: Chandra Hildebrand
Email: chandrahildebrand@gmail.com
Contact 2: Tannis Niziol
Email: tniziol@shaw.ca
Website: elacata.ca

Fine Arts Council

Date: October 19, 2019
Location: Taylor Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary, 434 Collegiate Blvd. NW
Theme: Falling for the Arts: Harvest Your Inner Artist
Contact 1: Dawn Marshall
Email: dawn.marshall@wrps11.ca
Contact 2: Stacy Kelba
Email: facdance@gmail.com
Website: fac.teachers.ab.ca

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Council

Date: October 19, 2019
Location: Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, 11201 87 Avenue, Edmonton
Theme: Falling for the Arts: Harvest Your Inner Artist
Contact 1: Dawn Marshall
Email: dawn.marshall@wrps11.ca
Contact 2: Stacy Kelba
Email: facdance@gmail.com
Website: fac.teachers.ab.ca

Date: November 14-16, 2019
Location: Deerfoot Inn and Casino, Calgary
Theme: Soaring with Knowledge
Contact: Hayley Christen
Email: hayley.christen@rdpsd.ab.ca
Website: www.indigenouseduc.ca

Global, Environmental & Outdoor Education Council

Date: April 3-5, 2020

Date: April 30-May 1
Location: Lethbridge College
Theme: 20/20 Vision Towards Wellness
Contact: Nadeen Halls
Email: ndhalls@cbe.ab.ca
Website: www.hpec.ab.ca

Mathematics Council

Date: October 25-26, 2019
Location: Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper
Theme: Mathematics: A Natural High
Contact 1: Sandi Berg
Email: bsdemonstrators@gmail.com
Contact 2: David Martin
Email: teacher.davidmartin@gmail.com
Website: www.mathteachers.ab.ca

Middle Years Council

Date: April 24-26, 2020
Location: Banff
Theme: Mental Health in the Middle Years
Contact: Chris McCullough
Email: chris.mccullough.teacher@gmail.com
Website: www.ata-myc.com

Outreach Education Council

Date: October 3-5, 2019
Location: River Cree Resort and Casino, Edmonton/Enoch
Theme: Reaching Out Together
Contact: Antonette Wilson
Email: oec.ab.conference@gmail.com
Website: www.outreachcouncil.ca

Religious and Moral Education Council

Date: October 4-5, 2019
Location: Sheraton Cavalier, Calgary
Theme: Spirituality of Teaching: Sustaining Ourselves in our Vocation as Educators
Contact: Mark Nixon
Email: mark.nixon53@gmail.com
Website: www.rmecata.com

Science Council

Date: November 1-2, 2019
Location: Coast Canmore, Canmore
Theme: Retro Futurism: The Science of Tomorrow Today
Contact 1: Alicia Taylor
Email: atasconference2019@gmail.com
Contact 2: Pauline Law
Email: atasconference2019@gmail.com
Website: event-wizard.com/ATASC2019Conference/0/welcome

Second Languages and Intercultural Council

Date: October 26, 2019
Location: Alberta Teachers Association Building, Edmonton
Theme: PD Event and AGM
Contact: Diana Boisvert
Email: diana.boisvert14@gmail.com
Website: slic.teachers.ab.ca

Social Studies Council

Date: October 18-19, 2019
Location: Hampton Inn & Suites/Bert Church High School, Airdrie
Theme: Facing the Future
Contact: Jennifer Williams
Email: ATASSCpresident@gmail.com
Website: event-wizard.com/FacingtheFuture/0/welcome

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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A more comprehensive listing of programs and sessions being offered can be found on each convention website.

SPECIALIST COUNCILS

For more information, visit the ATA website at www.teachers.ab.ca > My ATA > Professional Development > Specialist Councils.

