Get involved with a Specialist Council

ATA specialist councils promote and advocate for best practices in leadership and teaching through collaborative professional development, curriculum development and collegial support.



Each council is operated by volunteer teacher members who contribute their time, talents, and enthusiasm to plan and implement programs and activities for the councils.



Specialist councils organize annual conferences, produce publications, maintain websites, and offer regional workshops and seminars.



The Association plays a supporting role by contributing financial grants, publication services and administrative advice.



Councils provide excellent opportunities for ATA members to develop leadership skills and support their teaching colleagues.



Specialist councils are constantly growing and changing to meet new challenges and to provide high-quality educational leadership. New councils are formed when teachers perceive the need to explore new frontiers in education.



Last year more than 500 active members served on provincial specialist council executives and program committees. Most councils operate regional associations which allow even greater participation by teachers across the province.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Membership in specialist councils is available only to members of the Alberta Teachers' Association as specified below.

REGULAR

Active members of the Alberta Teachers' Association and associate who are ineligible for active membership, as specified in ATA bylaws, are eligible for regular membership in specialist councils. All regular members are entitled to full privileges including the right to vote and to hold office.

LIFE

Retired members of the ATA, as specified in ATA bylaws, are eligible for life membership in a council and are entitled to all the benefits and services of council membership except the right to hold office.

STUDENT

Undergraduate university student ATA members, as specified in ATA bylaws. Student members receive all the benefits and services of council membership except the right to vote and hold office. There is no fee for student members of the Association to become student members of a specialist council.

SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Persons or organizations who are ineligible for active or associate membership in the ATA, such as teacher assistants, school support staff, community members and libraries, as well as retired teachers and nonactive teachers, may be connected with the council by paying a subscription fee. Payment of the subscription fee provides access to the council's publications as well as other services determined by the council, but does not provide membership in the council.

Note: Central office staff who are eligible for active membership in the Association but have elected associate or non-membership are not eligible for specialist council membership. Teachers in charter, federal and private schools must be associate members of the ATA to be eligible for specialist council regular membership.

You are invited to join a council(s) of your choice!

SPECIALIST COUNCIL APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

For application or renewal to more than one Specialist Council, or for a subscription service; fill out the application/renewal form below and forward it, along with your cheque or money order if required, to the Alberta Teachers' Association. Further information on eligibility, fees, membership categories and council programs is available from the Professional Development program area of the Association and on the Association's website at www.teachers.ab.ca.

Category of membership in the A	alberta Teachers' Association	on 🗖 Active	□ Associate	□Life	☐ Student	□Nonmember	
First Name		Last Name					
Address		City/Town			Postal Code		
Phone (res)	(bus)		Fax	·			
E-Mail		Alberta Teacher Certificate No					
School or Employer							
Grade Level, Specialty							

Active members of the Association are eligible to select membership in one specialist council at no-cost. Your no-cost membership can be activated at: https://bit.ly/SpecialistCouncilJoin.

COUNCIL	Regular	Life	Student	Subscription
Alberta School Learning Commons Council	□ \$30	□ \$30	□ \$0	□ \$30
Career and Technology Education Council	□ \$35	□ \$35	□ \$0	□ \$40
Le Conseil français	□ \$25	□ \$25	□ \$0	□ \$20
Council for Inclusive Education	□ \$25	□ \$25	□ \$0	□ \$25
Council for School Leadership	□ \$50	□ \$50	□ \$0	□ \$35
Council of School Counsellors	□ \$35	□ \$35	□ \$0	□ \$35
Early Childhood Education Council	□ \$25	□ \$25	□ \$0	□ \$30
Educational Technology Council	□ \$25	□ \$25	□ \$0	□ \$30
English as a Second Language Council	□ \$35	□ \$25	□ \$0	□ \$26
English Language Arts Council	□ \$35	□ \$35	□ \$0	□ \$40
Fine Arts Council	□ \$25	□ \$25	□ \$0	□ \$25
Global, Environmental & Outdoor Education Council	□ \$25	□ \$25	□ \$0	□ \$30
Health and Physical Education Council	□ \$35	□ \$35	□ \$0	□ \$37
Indigenous Education Council	□ \$35	□ \$35	□ \$0	□ \$35
Mathematics Council	□ \$30	□ \$30	□ \$0	□ \$35
Middle Years Council	□ \$30	□ \$30	□ \$0	□ \$30
Outreach Education Council	□ \$10	□ \$10	□ \$0	□ \$10
Religious and Moral Education Council	□ \$40	□ \$25	□ \$0	□ \$30
Science Council	□ \$35	□ \$35	□ \$0	□ \$40
Second Languages and Intercultural Council	□ \$30	□ \$30	□ \$0	□ \$50
Social Studies Council	□ \$35	□ \$35	□ \$0	□ \$35

In making application for membership in a specialist council, you are voluntarily providing your personal information and consenting to its collection, use and disclosure for all purposes connected with your participation as a member of the council.

