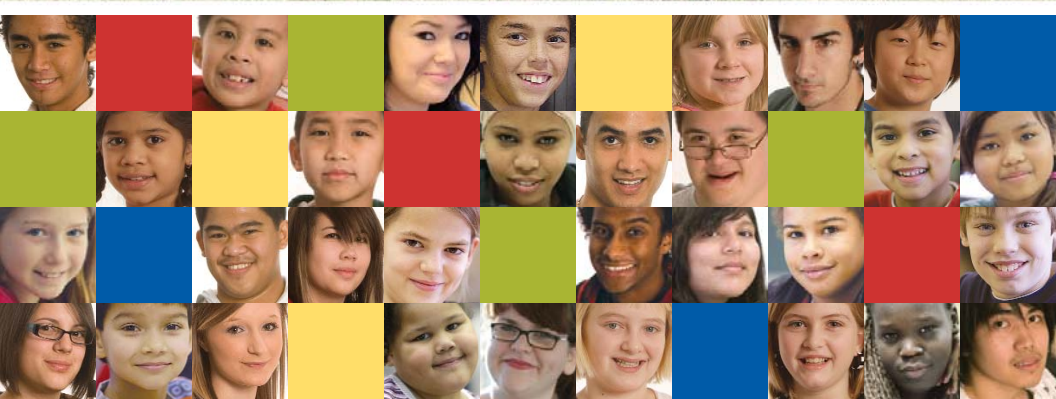




The Alberta Teachers' Association

LEARNING TOGETHER

PUBLIC EDUCATION IN ALBERTA





Welcome to Alberta

In Alberta we recognize the importance and value of our multicultural society. We appreciate our diverse racial and cultural composition and believe that sharing this diversity adds to the richness of life in Alberta.

The values of multiculturalism are taught to children in Alberta through our inclusive public education system.

Alberta's public education system is open to all students. We integrate new Canadians and embrace the cultural diversity they bring to our public education system. All Albertans benefit from classrooms where all children learn together.

Education in Alberta

By law, children living in Alberta must attend school between the ages of 6 and 16. The government is required to provide free, universally accessible education to every child under the age of 20 up to Grade 12. Universal education is delivered through the public education system.





Public Education

Alberta's parents prefer public education over private and home schooling. Over 92 per cent of students attend school in the public education system.

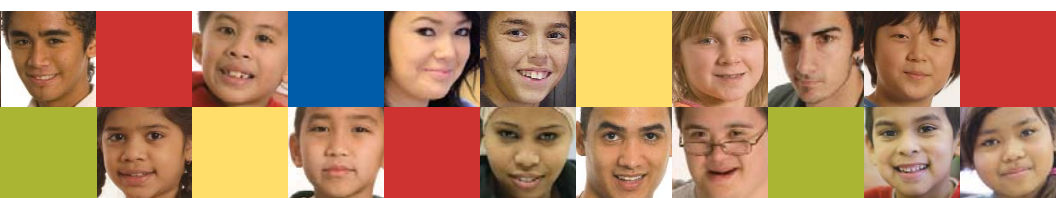
Public education in Alberta consists of three types of schools:

- *Public* – universal education available across the province
- *Separate* – Roman Catholic or Protestant education available in some regions of the province
- *Francophone* – public education specifically mandated to maintain the French language, culture and identity

Public education

- accepts all students
- is fully funded by Alberta taxpayers
- must not charge tuition
 - Some schools may charge fees for specialty programs
- is governed by democratically elected local school boards
- must teach provincially approved curriculum
 - Students are ensured the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma, and enter technical institutes, colleges and universities
- employs certificated teachers who are members of the Alberta Teachers' Association
 - Teachers are held to high standards of professional conduct and practice

Alberta is proud of its exceptional public education system, which offers high quality programs and services to all of Alberta's children and youth. Albertans recognize public education as a public investment for the benefit of everyone.





Choices in Public Education

The right school for your child's unique learning needs is available in Alberta's public education system. Parents can decide which school they want their child to attend and can choose from schools that offer a wide variety of programs and services.

English as an Additional Language (EAL) programs are available in many schools for students who are learning English. EAL programs also help students learn the norms and customs of life in Canada. Public schools are knowledgeable and experienced at providing exceptional EAL education.

Some schools also offer language, cultural and religion programs that help your child continue learning about his or her home country. Recognizing the cultural diversity of new Canadians is a shared value in Alberta and important to all of us.

Schools also offer programming choices that emphasize specific areas of study, such as arts, sports, science, academic challenge or leadership. Some schools even offer alternative learning environments, such as self-directed study or girls-only classes.

Contact your local school board for more information about program options available in your community. A list of school boards is provided on pages 6 and 7 of this booklet.





Enrolling your child

You can check with your local public, separate or francophone school board to discuss which school is right for your child (see pages 6 and 7).

Once you have made your decision, you should go to the school directly to enrol your child. You will need to bring your child, an interpreter (if needed) and whichever of the following documents you have:

- Your child's identification: passport, birth certificate or permanent residence status documents
- School documents from your home country: report cards, course outlines, examples of school work
- Your child's immunization records

The school principal will help determine which class or grade placement is right for your child.



Alberta's School Jurisdictions

Public School Boards

Northern Alberta

Fort McMurray Public School District No 2833	780-799-7900
Fort Vermilion School Division No 52	780-927-3766
Northland School Division No 61	780-624-2060
Peace River School Division No 10	780-624-3601

North Central Alberta

Aspen View Schools Regional Division No 19	780-675-7080
Grande Prairie Public School District No 2357	780-532-4491
Grande Yellowhead Regional Division No 35	780-723-4471
High Prairie School Division No 48	780-523-3337
Northern Gateway Regional Division No 10	780-778-2800
Northern Lights School Division No 69	780-826-3145
Peace Wapiti School Division No 76	780-532-8133
Pembina Hills Regional Division No 7	780-674-8500

Edmonton and Area

Battle River School Division No 31	780-672-6131
Black Gold Regional Division No 18	780-955-6025
Edmonton School District No 7	780-429-8000
Elk Island Public Schools Regional Division No 14	780-464-3477
Greater St Albert Catholic Regional Division No 29	780-459-7711
Parkland School Division No 70	780-963-4010
Sturgeon School Division No 24	780-939-4341

Central Alberta

Buffalo Trail Public Schools Regional Division No 28	780-842-6144
Chinook's Edge School Division No 73	403-227-7070
Red Deer Public School District No 104	403-343-1405
St Paul Education Regional Division No 1	780-645-3323
Wetaskiwin Regional Division No 11	780-352-6018
Wild Rose School Division No 66	403-845-3376
Wolf Creek School Division No 72	403-783-3473

Calgary and Area

Calgary School District No 19	403-294-8211
Canadian Rockies Regional Division No 12	403-609-6072
Foothills School Division No 38	403-652-3001
Golden Hills School Division No 75	403-934-5121
Rocky View School Division No 41	403-250-1504

Southern Alberta

Clearview School Division No 71	403-742-3331
Grasslands Regional Division No 6	403-793-6700
Horizon School Division No 67	403-223-3547
Lethbridge School District No 51	403-380-5301
Livingstone Range School Division No 68	403-625-3356
Medicine Hat School District No 76	403-528-6700
Palliser Regional Division No 26	403-328-4111
Prairie Land Regional Division No 25	403-854-4481
Prairie Rose School Division No 8	403-527-5516
Westwind School Division No 74	403-653-4991

Separate School Boards

Northern Alberta

Fort McMurray Roman Catholic Separate School District No 32	780-799-5700
Grande Prairie Roman Catholic Separate School District No 28	780-532-3013
Holy Family Catholic Regional Division No 37	780-624-3956
Lakeland Roman Catholic Separate School District No 150	780-826-3764
Living Waters Catholic Regional Division No 42	780-778-5666

Edmonton and Area

Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No 7	780-441-6000
Evergreen Catholic Separate Regional Division No 2	780-962-5627
St Albert Protestant Separate School District No 6	780-460-3712

Central Alberta

East Central Alberta Catholic Separate Schools Regional Division No 16	780-842-3992
Elk Island Catholic Separate Regional Division No 41	780-467-8896
Red Deer Catholic Regional Division No 39	403-343-1055
St Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No 38	780-986-2500

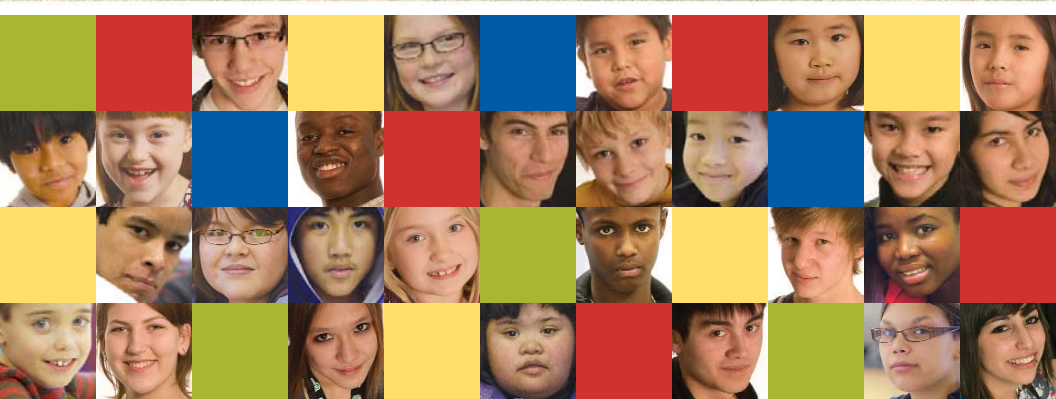
Calgary and Southern Alberta

Calgary RC Separate School District No 1	403-500-2000
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Separate Regional Division No 3	403-938-2659
Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No 4	403-327-9555
Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No 20	403-527-2292

Francophone School Boards

East Central Francophone Education Region No 3	780-645-3888
Greater North Central Francophone Education Region No 2	780-468-6440
Greater Southern Public Francophone Education Region No 4	403-686-6998
Greater Southern Separate Catholic Francophone Education Region No 4	403-685-9881
Northwest Francophone Education Region No 1	780-624-8855

A complete list of all school boards, with links to their websites, can be found at www.teachers.ab.ca/Quick%20Links/Jurisdictions/.



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