

Alberta's Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education System

General statistics

- Alberta has 62 publicly-funded school jurisdictions and more than 2,100 schools across the province.
- In 2008/2009, 596,113 students were registered in Kindergarten to Grade 12 in Alberta.
- Alberta invests \$6.2 billion a year - including \$5.4 billion in operating support to school boards and other educational support – to educate more than 590,000 students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. Overall, government will be investing \$31.7 million in students every school day.
- About 50,000 students from 62 school jurisdictions and nine First Nations authorities are expected to attend the WorldSkills competition.
- Classrooms in Alberta provide students and teachers with strong technology supports to enhance the teaching and learning experience. Alberta Education's website provides access to a wealth of resources for students, teachers and parents. Here is a short preview list:
 - program of studies containing learning outcomes
 - online guides to Implementation
 - LearnAlberta
 - curriculum Handbooks for Parents
 - Tools 4 Teachers

Career and Technology Studies

- Alberta's revised Career and Technology Studies (CTS) program is a complementary program of choice, offering all students opportunities to:
 - develop skills they can be applied in their daily lives, now and in the future
 - refine career-planning skills
 - develop technology-related skills
 - enhance employability skills
 - apply and reinforce learning developed in other subject areas
 - prepare for transition into the community, post-secondary education or training and the workplace.

- Students can explore their passion through five new career clusters and more than 900 courses. The five CTS clusters and their respective implementation dates are:
 - Trades, Manufacturing and Transportation (2009);
 - Business, Administration, Finance & Information Technology (2009);
 - Natural Resources (2010);
 - Health, Recreation & Human Services (2010); and
 - Media, Design & Communication Arts (2010).

Off-campus education

- Ensuring students are engaged in safe off-campus learning experiences is a priority for Education. Students have access to a variety of educational experiences, including:
 - The Registered Apprenticeship Program,
 - Work Experience,
 - Internship,
 - Job Shadow, and
 - the Green Certificate.

For more information on education in Alberta, visit www.education.alberta.ca