

## K-12 Educational Options in Alberta

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There are currently a number of educational options available to parents in Alberta. Parents can investigate and check out the best fit for their family with respect to parental authority and choices for their children.

Enrolment in some of the options is often competitive. Capacities are sometimes limited so it is important for parents to do their assessments for their family needs early.

School boards receive their funding from the province on a per student basis according to the number of registrations they have by September 30 of each new school year.

<b>Home Education</b>  -30+ willing non-resident home education school authorities that have supported home education for years.  <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/home-education.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/home-education.aspx</a>	Supervised by school authority (funded)	-home education program supervised by a willing public, separate or francophone school board or accredited funded private school. -eligible for funding from AB Ed.	-yearly notify supervising school authority of intent to home educate their child -Home Education Notification Form - Supervised by School Authority -register prior to September 30 to receive 50% of the home education grant (\$850)
	Not supervised by school authority (notification only, non-funded)	-home education program not supervised by a school board or accredited funded private school. -not eligible for funding from AB Ed.	-yearly notify the Minister of Education of intent to home educate their child -Home Education Notification Form - Not Supervised by School Authority or an online form in the Prov. Approach to Student Information (PASI) accessible in myPass -not required to submit program plan to the Minister of Education
<b>Public Schools</b>	Local Public School	-operated by public school boards and overseen by the Gov of AB	-teach AB program of studies and may offer optional programs
	Catholic Separate Schools	-fully funded by the prov govt -local property taxation is the funding for K-12	-teach AB program of studies and focus on Catholic teachings and values -usually accept Catholic Students

<p><b>Independent (Private) Schools</b></p> <p>-since 1967 -over 250 private schools and private ECS providers</p> <p><a href="https://www.alberta.ca/private-schools.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/private-schools.aspx</a></p>	Registered private schools	-monitored by AB Education -not eligible for govt funding	-don't need to use certified teachers or teach the AB program of studies -cannot offer credits towards a high school diploma
	Accredited private schools	accredited non-funded	-use certified teachers but not required to teach AB program of studies
		accredited funded	must: -use certified teacher -teach the AB programs of studies -have a principal who is a certified teacher
		designated special education private schools	-funded private schools that have special approval and funding who serve students who are identified with a mild, moderate or severe disability.
		Heritage language schools	-offers approved and authorized language and culture courses outside regular school hours to students who receive their basic education program at another school authority. -funded or non funded. -if funded the principal must hold an AB teaching cert and audited financial statements are required.

<p><b>Charter School</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.alberta.ca/charter-schools.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/charter-schools.aspx</a></p>	<p>-autonomous non-profit public school designed to provide innovative or enhanced educational programs that improve the acquisition of student skills, attitudes and knowledge in some measurable way</p>	<p>-meets the needs of a particular group of students through a specific program or teaching/learning approach while following AB Ed's Program of Studies</p>	<p>-13 charter schools in AB which occupy 23 buildings, 20 of which are owned by school districts, mainly in Calgary and Edmonton</p>
<p><b>French</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.alberta.ca/french-language-education-in-alberta.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/french-language-education-in-alberta.aspx</a></p>	<p>French instruction may be offered for:</p>	<p>-studies with French as the primary language (Francophone)</p> <p>-studies for immersion of French for English students (French Immersion), or</p> <p>-studies to obtain a working knowledge of French as a second language (French as a second language).</p>	