

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT). Students learn and apply ICT knowledge and skills while learning in content areas such as language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

Information for Parents

Parents can access information about the curriculum and learning resources in a number of ways:

- your child's teacher or school
- Curriculum Summaries \triangleright
- Curriculum Handbooks
- Programs of Study on the Alberta Education Web site.

How Can I Help My Child At Home?

Show interest in school activities by:

- asking questions
- helping with homework and projects \geq
- setting aside time and a place for your child to complete homework.

Use Alberta Education and other resources produced for parents, such as

- **The Parent Advantage**—*Tips and strategies* \geq for helping with homework in grades 1 through 9.
- \geq Make School Work for You: A Resource for Junior and Senior High Students Who Want to Be More Successful Learners-Information on knowing yourself, getting organized, making every class count, test taking, presenting learning, getting along with others and staying motivated.
- \geq LearnAlberta.ca Web site—Online multimedia learning resources that directly relate to the Alberta programs of study. http://learnalberta.ca
- \geq TELUS 2Learn Web site—An educationbusiness partnership that provides Internet inservice, support and mentorship for Alberta teachers. http://www.2learn.ca

Schooling in Alberta

Curriculum describes what students are expected to learn. Alberta Education develops the curriculum in consultation with teachers, administrators, parents, representatives from post-secondary institutions, and professional and community groups.

Teachers use the curriculum to plan learning activities that meet their students' needs and abilities. They regularly assess student progress, reporting to parents, students and administrators.

Students write provincial achievement tests in grades 3, 6 and 9.

Languages

German

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- \geq Blackfoot \geq Italian Chinese (Mandarin) Japanese \geq Cree \geq \geq French
 - \geq Spanish

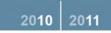
Punjabi

Ukrainian \geq

These languages as well as others may be available at your child's school. For more information, contact the local school board.

Where Can I Get More Information?

- > The Alberta Education Web site http://education.alberta.ca/
- > Arts, Communications and Citizenship Telephone: 780-427-2984 Fax: 780-422-3745 E-mail: curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca
- Digital Design and Resource Authorization \geq Telephone: 780-427-2984 Fax: 780-422-3745 E-mail: curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca
- \geq Distributed Learning Telephone: 780-674-5350 Fax: 780-674-6561 E-mail: DLB.General@gov.ab.ca
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit Services Telephone: 780-415-9300 Fax: 780-415-9306 E-mail: FNMIServices@gov.ab.ca
- French Language Education Services Telephone: 780-427-2940 Fax: 780-422-1947 E-mail: LSB@edc.gov.ab.ca
- Learner Assessment Telephone: 780-427-0010 Fax: 780-422-4200 E-mail: LAcontact@edc.gov.ab.ca
- Mathematics and Science Telephone: 780-427-2984 Fax: 780-422-3745 E-mail: curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca
- \geq Special Education Branch Telephone: 780-422-6326 Fax: 780-422-2039 E-mail: Special.Education@gov.ab.ca



Grade 8

Curriculum Summary

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