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Draft K–4 Curriculum Launches on New LearnAlberta.ca

On October 10, Alberta Education released the latest draft curriculum within a new digital resource—[new LearnAlberta.ca](#). New LearnAlberta.ca will enable teachers to interact with the curriculum in ways that were not previously possible. This includes

- viewing draft curriculum with the associated literacy, numeracy, and competencies
- selecting specific grades and subjects in order to explore the curriculum from multiple perspectives
- viewing learning outcomes with associated conceptual knowledge and procedural knowledge
- using the search functionality to find content and/or themes across the curriculum
- exploring underlying components of the curriculum, including literacy progressions, numeracy progressions, and competencies
- using the My Boards feature to organize learning outcomes into interactive boards that provide opportunities to collaborate with other teachers and share expertise locally and across the province

Anyone with Internet access can view the draft Kindergarten to Grade 4 curriculum, but only teachers working with an Alberta school authority can access the My Boards feature. To access the new features in My Boards, teachers will need to login to new LearnAlberta.ca with a Provincial Education Directory account. Details regarding login are available through the Need Help? tile on new LearnAlberta.ca and on the [Preparing for new LearnAlberta.ca web page](#).

Over time, new LearnAlberta.ca will become a one-stop-shop of curriculum, assessment, and resources. In the meantime, teachers can still find all existing resources on the current [LearnAlberta.ca site](#).

Visit new LearnAlberta.ca, view the draft Kindergarten to Grade 4 curriculum, and share your thoughts on how the website works.

Note: Current provincially implemented curriculum is still accessible via the [Alberta Education website](#).

New Provincial Arabic Language Arts K–12 Program of Studies

The new provincial [Arabic Language Arts Kindergarten to Grade 12 Program of Studies](#) is now available for implementation, joining other provincial bilingual language arts programs (Chinese, German, Spanish, and Ukrainian) in providing choice for Alberta students.

The *Arabic Language Arts Program of Studies* will allow students to develop proficiency in Arabic from Kindergarten to Grade 12. The Arabic bilingual program, which incorporates Arabic language arts, will provide instruction in Arabic (up to 50% of the instructional time) as well as English (the remainder of the school day). Students in the Arabic bilingual program will also acquire English language arts proficiency in order to meet diploma or certificate requirements.

While the new provincial *Arabic Language Arts Kindergarten to Grade 12 Program of Studies* is available for implementation as of September 2018, Alberta Education supports choice and local flexibility for school authorities to offer language programming that best meets the needs of their students and local communities. School authorities make decisions locally regarding language programming offered to students based on capacity, resources, as well as community and student choice.

For more information, contact [Melody Kostiuk](#), Senior Manager, International Languages, at 780-422-0594 (toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000).

Supports for Career and Technology Foundations (CTF)

Visit the [CTF web pages](#) for a variety of materials to support teaching CTF in grades 5–9. The [CTF Challenges](#) section provides challenges ready for use in the classroom. View the [CTF Planning and Checklists](#) subsection for tools that provide you with a base to plan your own challenges.

For more information, contact [David McCann](#) at 780-427-8597 (toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000).

Credits for Provincial High School ESL Courses

Beginning in the 2018–2019 school year, high school students will earn 5 credits for successfully completing ESL1120: English as a Second Language 10–Level 1 and 5 credits for successfully completing ESL1125: English as a Second Language 10–Level 5. These courses did not award credits previously. This change is reflected in the [Provincially Authorized Senior High School Courses and Course Codes](#).

For more information, contact [Mike Ettrich](#), Senior Manager, English as a Second Language, at 780-644-8195 (toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000).

Mathematics Program

Supports for Teachers

The following are examples of supports that are available to help teachers with mathematics:

- Current and preservice teachers can access up to \$2,000 through the Math Bursary Program ([English](#) and [French](#)) to help cover tuition costs for post-secondary courses designed to strengthen their knowledge, skill, and confidence in teaching mathematics.
- The Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia are providing elementary mathematics professional learning opportunities ([English](#) and [French](#)) for elementary teachers and preservice teachers. These opportunities include online resources and archived sessions that can be accessed anytime, anywhere.

Availability of *Calculus: A First Course* on LearnAlberta.ca

Resources on [LearnAlberta.ca](#) are reviewed as licensing agreements approach their expiration/renewal date. Part of this review includes ensuring that resources remain cost-effective. Following a review, the licences for some resources currently available on LearnAlberta.ca may not be renewed.

As a result of a recent review, the provincial licensing agreement for the pdf version of the Mathematics 31 resource *Calculus: A First Course* housed on LearnAlberta.ca was not renewed. This resource was removed from LearnAlberta.ca on August 31, 2018.

A bound paperback book is available through the publisher at a cost of \$50.62 per unit by contacting Nicole Lukach, Nelson Director Sales, Western Canada, at 403-390-3495, or Nicole.Lukach@nelson.com. The minimum order is 50 copies and the lead time to deliver the order is 4–6 weeks.

The [Tools4Teachers](#) student and teacher resources for Mathematics 31 are still available on LearnAlberta.ca.

For more information regarding mathematics, contact [Diane Stobbe](#), Director, at 780-427-7489 or [Marcel Ouellette](#), Curriculum Lead, at 780-644-1518. For toll-free access within Alberta to either of these contacts, first dial 310-0000.

New Written-response Component for Mathematics Diploma Exams

Starting in the 2018–2019 school year, the Mathematics 30-1 and Mathematics 30-2 diploma exams will contain a written-response component. To help students and teachers prepare for the implementation of the written-response component, Alberta Education has developed a [2018–2019 Mathematics 30-1 Written-Response Information](#) document and a [2018–2019 Mathematics 30-2 Written-Response Information](#) document. These documents contain

- the specifications for the 2018–2019 diploma exams
- sample written-response questions
- the general scoring guides
- sample responses and scoring rationales

The draft mathematics [directing words](#) and definitions, which students are required to know, are also available on the Alberta Education website.

Alberta Education values the involvement of teachers and annually asks school authorities for the names of teachers who are interested in being involved in any of the diploma exam development processes or in marking diploma exams. Teachers who are interested in developing raw items, building field tests, reviewing exams, or marking math diploma exams are encouraged to talk to their principal about how to be approved to participate in these activities.

For subject-specific inquiries, contact the respective exam managers identified below.

Delcy Rolheiser, Exam Manager, Mathematics 30-1

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780-415-6181

Jenny Kim, Exam Manager, Mathematics 30-2

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Deanna Shostak, Director, Diploma Examination Program

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For toll-free access within Alberta to any of these contacts, first dial 310-0000.

Social Studies Resource Change (CBC News in Review)

As part of Alberta Education's commitment to continuous improvement, resources on LearnAlberta.ca are reviewed as licensing agreements approach their expiration/renewal date. Following a review, the licences for some resources currently available on LearnAlberta.ca may not be renewed.

Reviewing licensing agreements for support resources—supplemental materials for teachers to consider using if they wish to do so—helps to ensure that resources remain cost-effective as Alberta Education makes evidence-based decisions regarding appropriate allocation of provincial funds. With these considerations in mind, Alberta Education did not enter into a licensing agreement with CBC Curio.ca for the 2018–2019 CBC News in Review season.

Additionally, the following season of CBC News in Review videos was removed from LearnAlberta.ca at the end of August 2018, when the licensing agreement expired:

- 2014–2015 season (September–December 2014 and January–April 2015)

If you would still like to access all available seasons of CBC News in Review as well as a host of additional resources produced by CBC, contact CBC and Radio-Canada's online subscriber-based streaming service, Curio.ca, at curio@cbc.ca. There may be cost benefits to acquiring a bulk subscription, as well as the opportunity to access archived resources. You may also be aware of the resources that CBC provides for teachers at no charge on CBC Archives, including educational material geared toward students in grades 6 through 12, on topics such as Canada's residential schools.

High-quality and current resources that support the social studies program continue to be available, with login, through the [Online Reference Centre](#) at LearnAlberta.ca.

Alberta Education recognizes that decisions regarding the selection and use of various learning resources are made at the local level. School authorities are encouraged to choose learning support resources that best meet the needs of their students.

View a [list of educational websites](#) that can support teaching and learning in social studies through videos and other learning materials available for free or through subscription.

For more information, contact [Nathalie Langstaedtler](#), Senior Manager, Social Studies 10–12, at 780-422-3255 (toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000).

Supports for Teaching Sexual Health

[Teachingsexualhealth.ca](#) is an innovative website developed by Alberta educators and health professionals. The site offers up-to-date, evidence-based information and strategies for teachers and educators addressing the human sexuality education outcomes in grades 4 to 9 Health and Life Skills and in high school Career and Life Management (CALM). Opportunities for the new school year are available.

Online Workshops

Free online workshops have been developed to support teachers with implementation of the human sexuality education outcomes in the K–9 Health and Life Skills and CALM programs of study. Teachers can complete the modules at their own pace over a three-week period. Upon successful completion of a workshop, teachers will receive a certificate for 12 hours of online training. Workshops are provided by Alberta Health Services. Visit the [Teacher Workshops](#) page for more information or to register for an upcoming workshop.

The 2018–2019 workshop dates are as follows:

- October 15–November 5, 2018
- March 4–25, 2019
- April 1–22, 2019
- April 29–May 20, 2019

Lesson Plans

The lesson plans available through teachingsexualhealth.ca are being streamlined and revised with lots of new content and activities. The [Grade 4 lesson plans](#) are the first to be refreshed. Check the [Lesson Plan & Resource Finder](#) regularly as revised lesson plans for Grade 5 through Grade 9 as well as CALM will be posted over the coming months.

Questions regarding the website or workshops can be directed to tsh@albertahealthservices.ca.

New on ALIS: Time to Choose...a Post-Secondary Education Program

Choosing a post-secondary program can be scary, presenting unknowns to young people. Help your students find the institution or program that will be the best fit for their post-secondary careers with *Time to Choose...a Post-Secondary Education Program*.

Order copies of *Time to Choose* for your students so they can discover

- the difference between certificates, diplomas, applied degrees, and degrees
- flexible study options of full-time and part-time study, distance education, work experience, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training
- what programs are offered where
- application dates and school contact information
- additional supports or facilities each post-secondary institution offers

A resources section at the back of the publication provides details on apprenticeship and on-the-job training, online education, student funding, budget assistance, study abroad opportunities, and credit transfers.

View, download, or order a copy of [Time to Choose...a Post-Secondary Education Program](#).

The Climate and Environment Student Action Challenge

Do your students have an idea for a project that could reduce the environmental footprint of your school? Alberta Environment and Parks could help make it happen!

The Climate and Environment Student Action Challenge invites Alberta students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 to develop a school-based initiative or project that will address climate change or minimize other negative human impacts on the environment.

Students are invited to submit their project ideas for a chance to receive up to \$1,000 that can be used to turn their proposal into a reality—and give them hands-on experience tackling an environmental issue that directly impacts them, their school, or their community. The Government of Alberta will award up to \$15,000 (pending Government Grant Selection Committee approval) in funding annually to successful applicants to support their environmental action projects.

The deadline to apply is **October 31, 2018**. More information and the application form are available on the [Climate and Environment Student Action Challenge web page](#).

Copyright and Fair Dealing for Teachers

Teachers and students today have greater opportunities for learning as a result of a Supreme Court of Canada decision in 2012 which clarified how fair dealing applies in the classroom.

Fair dealing permits teachers to communicate or use short excerpts from copyright-protected works for students in their classes without needing to obtain permission from the copyright owner or paying copyright royalties, provided the dealing is for an educational purpose and is “fair.”

Today, fair dealing for educational purposes supports learning, fosters innovation, and drives knowledge creation by providing teachers and students with the legal right to deal fairly with the copyright-protected works of others.

Know your rights. Know your limits.

To ensure compliance with copyright law, the education community in Canada has established the [Fair Dealing Guidelines](#) to help educators determine what is “fair.” The *Fair Dealing Guidelines* describe a safe harbour, not absolute limits. Copying or communicating a copyright-protected work within the prescribed limits will, according to the advice of legal counsel, almost certainly be fair. Copying or communicating beyond those limits may, or may not, be fair.

The *Fair Dealing Guidelines* inform educators about their rights—as well as their obligations. For example, the guidelines prohibit copying from the same source beyond the stated limits. This means that a teacher who copied 10 percent of a work could not later copy another 10 percent of that same work.

To learn more about copyright and fair dealing, teachers are encouraged to visit the [Fair Dealing Decision Tool](#). With this online resource, teachers have, at their fingertips, the information they need to decide whether a particular use of a short excerpt is fair or not.

All teachers need to be aware of their rights—and their limits—when relying on fair dealing in their classrooms.

Cannabis and Schools

Cannabis was legalized in Canada on October 17, 2018. Although non-medical cannabis remains illegal for youth under the age of 18 in Alberta, school authorities, educators, and school community stakeholders have questions and concerns about the effects of this legalization.

Alberta Education, Alberta Health, and Alberta Health Services (AHS) have collaborated to develop three resources, in English and French, in the Clarity on Cannabis Series/Éclaircissements sur le cannabis:

- [FAQ for Educators/FAQ pour les éducateurs](#)
- [Recommended Resources for Schools/Ressources recommandées pour les écoles](#)
- [What Alberta Parents and Caregivers Need to Know/Ce que les parents et tuteurs de l'Alberta doivent savoir](#)

All of these materials, and other cannabis-related content developed by AHS, can be located on AHS's [DrugSafe web pages](#).

In addition, AHS staff are available to support schools and school authorities with further conversations related to non-medical cannabis and how to reduce the risks of negative health effects for students. Email cshresources@ahs.ca to be connected with AHS staff members who can answer additional questions and provide more support.

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