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Guide to Education

ECS TO Grade 12

*Summary of Key Changes:
2011–2012 School Year*

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Pages 34 and 36	
International Languages Programs charts (Elementary and Grades 7–9)	Content regarding international languages programs has been abbreviated and put into chart form for ease of reference.
Page 46	
French as a First Language Program (Francophone)	Information about French as a First Language Program (Francophone) has been added.
Federal French Language Funding	Funding information for the French as a First Language Program (Francophone) and Alternative French Language Programs has been removed from the <i>Guide to Education</i> . Please consult the <u><i>Funding Manual for School Authorities</i></u> for information about Federal French language funding.
Page 49	
French 30 Course Withdrawal	As of September 1, 2011, the course sequence French 13, French 10, French 20 and French 30 is no longer available.
Page 49	
International Languages Programs chart (Grades 10–12)	Content regarding international languages programs has been abbreviated and put into chart form for ease of reference.
Page 78	
Assessment as the Basis for Communicating Individual Student Achievement	The requirement to report Grade Level of Achievement (GLA) to Alberta Education has been eliminated. However, teachers are still required to ensure that information is effectively communicated to parents about the grade level(s) the child has achieved in relation to the grade levels of the provincial programs of study for language arts and mathematics.

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Page 82	
Certificate of School Completion	This section has been abbreviated to focus on the criteria for attaining a Certificate of School Completion. The list of individual courses that would disqualify a student from eligibility has been removed and replaced with text that states a student receiving the Certificate will usually not have achieved credits in any of the four core subject areas: mathematics, science, social studies, and English language arts. This provides school administrators with enhanced flexibility in the awarding of this Certificate, in the spirit of recognizing the accomplishments of students with significant cognitive delays.
Pages 90 and 91	
Certificate of High School Achievement Requirements tables	A double line has been re-inserted at the bottom of the Certificate of High School Achievement Requirements tables to clarify that 5 credits in a 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program course is a separate option from the “5 and 5” credit option above the double line.
Former Appendix 1 Removed	
Course Codes	The former <i>Appendix 1: Provincially Authorized Senior High School Courses and Course Codes</i> is no longer contained within the <i>Guide to Education</i> . This information can now be accessed at http://education.alberta.ca/teachers.aspx .
Former Appendix 2 Removed	
Course Codes	The former <i>Appendix 2: Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) Course Codes and Course Names</i> is no longer contained within the <i>Guide to Education</i> . This information can now be accessed at http://education.alberta.ca/teachers.aspx .
Throughout Guide	Learner Records and Data Exchange (Alberta Education) has been changed to “Student Records.”