

ALBERTA EDUCATION

# Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12

***Summary of Key Changes:  
2017–2018 School Year***

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<b>Page</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>General</b>	
Locally Developed Courses	Changes have been made throughout to simplify language and remove references to LDCOMS, which is being decommissioned.
High School Courses Completed at Junior High School	Updates have been made to reflect a new technical capacity in PASI, which allows junior high schools to submit marks directly to Alberta Education for high school courses completed by junior high school students.
<b>Pages 9–20</b>	
School Act	This section has been updated to reflect amendments to the <i>School Act</i> under Bill 202 (Protecting Victims of Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images Act).
<b>Page 22</b>	
Public Health Act	This new section has been added to reflect amendments to the <i>Public Health Act</i> that relate to school immunization.
<b>Pages 21, 26</b>	
Other Legislation/Regulations	Content has been added to describe Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees and its accompanying regulations, the <i>School Fees and Costs Regulation</i> and the <i>School Transportation Regulation</i> .
<b>Page 59</b>	
Senior High Knowledge and Employability Occupational Courses	Clarification has been made regarding which students can use Workplace Readiness 10-4 as a prerequisite for off-campus education and which students must take HCS3000.
<b>Pages 63–65</b>	
Locally Developed Junior and Senior High School Courses	Clarification has been made regarding submission criteria and the authorization process in order to reduce confusion and ensure alignment with the <i>Funding Manual for School Authorities</i> .
<b>Pages 79–80</b>	
Home Education	New PASI information requirements for boards supervising home education programs have been added to ensure consistency with the <i>Student Record Regulation</i> and the <i>Funding Manual for School Authorities</i> .
<b>Pages 80–81</b>	
Online Programs	Clarification has been made as to what is considered an online course or program.
<b>Pages 81–82</b>	
Shared Responsibility (Blended) Programs	This section has been updated to clarify and emphasize the distinct responsibilities of teachers and parents in shared responsibility (blended) program settings.
<b>Page 82</b>	
Alberta Accredited International Schools	This new section has been added to provide information and links for stakeholders seeking information on Alberta Accredited International Schools.
<b>Pages 90</b>	
Appropriate Use of Copyrighted Materials in Schools	This new section has been added to outline principals' and teachers' responsibilities regarding compliance with Canada's copyright laws.

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<b>Pages 95–96</b> Certificate of School Completion	Clarification has been made regarding changes that took place with the Certificate of School Completion process when it was integrated into PASI.