

ALBERTA EDUCATION

Guide to Education

ECS to Grade 12

*Summary of Key Changes:
2014–2015 School Year*

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Page	Change
General Learning Resources Centre	Throughout the <i>Guide</i> , references to the Learning Resources Centre have been removed as it is no longer in operation. Print copies of the <i>Guide</i> are no longer available from Alberta Education.
Page 17 <i>Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act</i>	Addition of information regarding the <i>Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act</i> .
Page 21 Educational Placement of Students with Special Needs Policy	Removed due to duplication of content with the <i>Standards for Special Education</i> and <i>Standards for the Provision of Early Childhood Special Education</i> .
Page 21 Learning Commons Policy	This new policy describes the learning commons and expectations for school authorities.
Page 22 Services for Students and Children Policy	Removed due to duplication of content with the <i>Standards for Special Education</i> and <i>Standards for the Provision of Early Childhood Special Education</i> .
Page 22 Special Education Policy	Removed due to duplication of content with the <i>Standards for Special Education</i> and <i>Standards for the Provision of Early Childhood Special Education</i> .
Page 69 Learning Commons	Provides guidelines for implementing the Learning Commons Policy and replaces the previous School Library section.
Page 70 Special Education Programming Information	Individual links to resources have been replaced by one general link to the “Supporting Every Student” portal on the Alberta Education website.
Pages 77–80 Student Assessment: Kindergarten to Grade 9	Revised with updated language regarding assessment.
Pages 79–80 Student Learning Assessments (SLAs)	Detailed information on the purpose and implementation of SLAs has been added to reflect the pilot implementation of Grade 3 SLAs in September 2014.
Page 83 Mature Students	Updated to clarify that waived prerequisite credits are awarded to mature students for successful completion of locally developed language courses.

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Page 109 Course Challenge: Marks, Credits and Reporting	Updated to provide clarity on the awarding of marks in the case of a course challenge.
Page 110 Waiver of Prerequisites and Credits for Waived Prerequisite Courses: Exceptions	Updated to clarify that waived prerequisite credits are awarded for successful completion of locally developed language courses.
Page 113 Special Cases Committee	Revised for greater clarity.
Pages 115–117 Resources and Services	Modified to reflect a new business model and the closing of the Learning Resources Centre.
Pages 122–129 Documents and Website Addresses Referenced in the <i>Guide</i>	This section has been removed due to the presence of embedded hyperlinks throughout the <i>Guide</i> .
Page 130 Other Websites	This section has been removed due to the presence of embedded hyperlinks throughout the <i>Guide</i> .