

# Guide to Education

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## ECS TO Grade 12

### Summary of Key Changes

For the 2010/2011 School Year

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Throughout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <i>Guide</i> has internal contact information hyperlinked.</li><li>• The <i>Guide</i> is posted on the Ministry of Education website in PDF format with bookmarks and hyperlinks to primary source documents in order to facilitate location of information.</li><li>• The names and codes of courses have been updated to reflect current designations and names and course codes were deleted if courses were withdrawn.</li></ul>

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Page 1 Alberta Education Mission Statement	The mission statement has been updated as per the 2010–2013 Alberta Education Business Plan.
Page 7 Legislative and Other Requirements for Education in Alberta	Insertion of information regarding the <i>Alberta Human Rights Act</i> that requires boards to provide parents with notice where courses of study, educational programs or instructional materials include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation.
Page 10 Resident Student	The <i>School Act</i> sections pertaining to definitions of, determination of and responsibilities of boards to resident students have been included for convenient reference.
Page 15 Practice Review of Teachers Regulation	Practice Review Bylaw of the ATA referenced as taking responsibility for addressing complaints regarding alleged incompetent teaching practices of teachers who are active members of the ATA.
Page 15 <i>Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act</i>	Information regarding the importance of this legal requirement added to outline the duty to report on a child who is in need of intervention.
Page 19 Human Sexuality Education Policy	The <i>Alberta Human Rights Act</i> requires boards to provide parents with notice where courses of study, educational programs or instructional materials include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation. A link to a sample notification form is available <a href="#">here</a> .

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Page 25 French First Language (Francophone) Education	Francisation Information has been added to assist with identification and programming for Francisation.  Links to the <i>Funding Manual for School Authorities</i> and the Francisation web pages have been inserted.
Page 32 English as a Second Language	The <i>Alberta K–12 ESL Proficiency Benchmarks</i> have been developed to guide appropriate ESL programming.
Page 40 Student Information Needs	Reference to distributed learning courses now encompasses the many school authorities in the province that offer them, as well as the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC).
Page 43 Career and Life Management	The <i>Alberta Human Rights Act</i> requires boards to provide parents with notice where courses of study, educational programs or instructional materials include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation. A link to a sample notification form is available here.
Page 49 Knowledge and Employability Courses	Statement added to clarify that students must successfully complete a minimum of one academic Knowledge and Employability course to qualify for a Certificate of High School Achievement.
Page 51 Locally Developed/Acquired and Authorized Junior and Senior High School Complementary Courses	Information has been added about the strategic review of locally developed courses, and new requirements for submitting locally developed courses. A Locally Developed Courses Review web page has been established to provide support and current information during the review.
Page 52 Use of Calculators for Mathematics	This section has been removed. Information about technology requirements for courses is now accessible in the program of studies for each course.

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Pages 53 Off-campus Education	<p>For the 2010/2011 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>school authorities may choose optional implementation of the <i>Off-campus Education Handbook</i>, including its prerequisite courses, or</li><li>school authorities may continue to use the <i>Off-campus Education Guide for Administrators, Counsellors and Teachers</i>, 2000, including its prerequisite courses, and use the <i>Registered Apprenticeship Program Information Manual</i>, 2003–Revised September 2008, Career Internship 10, and Work Experience 15–25–35.</li></ul> <p>As of September 1, 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School authorities must use the <i>Off-campus Education Handbook</i>, including its prerequisite courses.</li></ul>
Pages 57–61 Transfer Points (Recommended) and Course Sequences for Senior High School	<p>Explanation of course routes designated by solid arrows or broken arrows has been applied as a footer to each page of charts.</p>
Page 70 Human Sexuality Education Exemption	<p>The <i>Alberta Human Rights Act</i> requires boards to provide parents with notice where courses of study, educational programs or instructional materials include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation. A link to a sample notification form is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Page 70 Controversial Issues and Notice under Section 11.1 of the <i>Alberta Human Rights Act</i>	<p>Information about teaching of subject matter requiring boards (including charter schools) to provide parents with notice. This section provides detail about when and how to provide parent notice, and how to handle parent concerns.</p>
Pages 88–89 Certificate of High School Achievement Requirements	<p>For clarity, the “5 credits in the 35-level Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) course” option has been moved up in the table to combine with other options.</p>

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Awarding Course Credits

Edited sentence stating that “instruction is provided by qualified teachers ...” to “instruction is the responsibility of qualified teachers ...” This allows provisions for a school authority to employ an individual with specialized knowledge/expertise to deliver instruction under the supervision of a certificated teacher.

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CTS Courses and  
Course Codes

Ministerial approval granted for the new and revised Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses in the Health, Recreation & Human Services (HRH); Media, Design & Communication Arts (MDC); and Natural Resources (NAT) clusters.

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Appendix 6: Sample  
Notice and Student  
Exemption Forms:  
*Human Rights Act*

A sample notice form and a sample student exemption form have been provided to assist school boards (including charter schools) to develop their own forms for use when teaching a course that deals primarily and explicitly with religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation.