

Student Engagement Fact Sheet

General Information for Students

The Alberta government believes that student voice plays a critical role in shaping every level of the education system and the educational experience.

Student engagement initiatives:

- empower students as leaders of their learning;
- provide students with opportunities to build positive working relationships with education partners;
- engage students as leaders of change within their communities;
- support leadership development for students at school and community levels; and
- honour the capability and capacity of students to engage as authentic education partners.

Alberta's Student Engagement Strategy

Each year, all junior high and high school students will have an opportunity to apply to become members of the Minister's Youth Council. The council will consist of approximately 32 junior and senior high school students with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from all regions of Alberta. Of these 32, we will accept up to eight returning council members and a minimum of 24 new students.

Outcomes for Student Engagement

The Alberta government has identified three priority outcomes for student engagement.

- students provide input on provincial programs and initiatives through co-ordinated engagement opportunities;
- students have ways to be actively involved in giving their perspectives on education initiatives across the province; and
- student leaders and adult champions at provincial and local levels have the skills to effectively and actively engage with one another to shape the education system.

Minister's Youth Council Overview

The term of the Minister's Youth Council will be 10 months, aligned with the school year. Three meetings will be scheduled for fall, winter and spring. Ongoing communications and/or additional engagement opportunities with the council members may also take place.

We are asking Alberta teachers, parents, school authorities and education partners to encourage students to submit applications.

Minister's Youth Council Applications

Interested junior and senior high students apply directly to Alberta Education to become members of the Minister's Youth Council by submitting a completed application by July 31, 2019.

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