



## Frequently Asked Questions

In Alberta, curriculum or Programs of Study are determined by Alberta Education. The curriculum identifies what students are expected to learn and do in all subjects from kindergarten to Grade 12. You can find the new [K - 6 Curriculum](#) and the current [Gr. 7 - 12 Programs of Study](#) on the Alberta Education website.

Alberta Education released its new K-6 curriculum in Science and French Immersion Language Arts and Literature on March 17, 2023. This is in addition to the previously released new curriculum in English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics, and Physical Education and Wellness on Apr. 13, 2022.

French Immersion Language Arts and Literature (K-3), Science (K-3), English Language Arts and Literature (4-6) and Mathematics (4-6) are now being used in classrooms across Alberta.

### **Are teachers equipped for the new curriculum?**

Implementing new curriculum is an exciting opportunity and an important part of teaching practice. CBE teachers have been well supported with professional learning opportunities and this will continue throughout the school year.

### **Do regular program, alternative and language program schools follow the same curriculum?**

Yes, all CBE schools use the curriculum developed by the Government of Alberta. The language of instruction and resources used by teachers and students may vary, but the content of the curriculum is the same.

An exception is the French Immersion Literature and Language Arts curriculum. This is used in schools offering the French Immersion program instead of the English Language Arts and Literature curriculum.

### **Will there be gaps in my child's learning from content or material being moved from one grade to another?**

Regardless of the curriculum being taught, teachers continuously work to meet each student where they are in their learning. While curriculum is grade specific, many concepts are revisited each year, giving students the opportunity to build on previous learning or to be introduced to new learning.

### **Will the CBE be buying all new library books/resources/etc.? Do you have funding for this?**

Teachers continue to use existing resources where they align with new curriculum as well as new resources to support learning. Alberta Education has provided school districts with some funding to purchase new resources where required.

### **Is the curriculum developmentally appropriate for K-6 children?**

Teachers work to plan the delivery of curriculum content in ways that are engaging, creative, and inspiring for students. Personalizing learning to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed to the best of their ability continues to be important work for CBE schools.

### **Will support for children with special needs change?**

No, the supports for students with documented needs (like an IPP) will not change as a result of new curriculum.

**Will report cards change?**

To align with the new curriculum, adjustments were made in 2022-23 to the CBE's K-6 report card, including revised K-6 report card stems.

**How much of what my child does at school every day is directed by the new curriculum?  
How much memorization/fact recall is required?**

The curriculum outlines *what* students are expected to learn. The CBE's [Education Plan](#), Education Plan [Frameworks](#), and other documents and strategies like each school's School Development Plan provide insight on the CBE's approach to *how* students learn.

Throughout the year, you will be encouraged to attend celebrations of learning, parent/teacher conferences, meetings and discussions with your child's teacher and other events at your child's school. These events help demonstrate what your child is doing at school and can start conversations about their learning.

Alberta Education has developed a series of resources for parents on [their website](#), curriculum.learnalberta.ca. We encourage you to explore these resources and learn more about the content and structure of the new curriculum.

**Will Grade 6 Students participate in PATs?**

For the 2023-24 school year, students participating in optional implementation of Gr. 6 French Immersion Language Arts and Literature will not be required to write PAT exams for that subject. However, PATs are mandatory for Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature and Mathematics and will reflect the content in the new curriculums.