

Alberta Educational System

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Senior high school students are usually between the ages of 16 and 18. Senior high school starts at grade 10 and ends after grade 12.

After completing the required Grade 12 courses, students must pass a series of examinations to receive a High School Diploma. Students are expected to find out which courses are required to enter any post secondary program they wish to attend, and select their high school courses accordingly.

If a student is unable to pass the courses required for a diploma, he or she can enter an “Integrated Occupational Program” and graduate with a Certificate of Achievement”. The program emphasizes attitudes and skills needed for work.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING SYSTEM

In Alberta, the public school year is composed of two semesters; the first is from September to end of January and the second semester from February to the end of June. During this period, students are enrolled in full-time academic studies, which include courses in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Sciences, which include Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Students may also take courses in Computer Technology, Physical Education, and Fine Arts, including Music, Art and Dance. All Alberta schools are well equipped with up to date facilities and equipment.

Schools in Alberta have two holiday periods, one during Christmas, which is from approximately December 20 to January 3 or 4, and the second one in March or April and lasts for about one to two weeks.

Education in Alberta

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