

Alberta's Education Redesign



ALBERTA'S REDESIGN PROCESS WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON NWT STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PROGRAMMING.

What is the Alberta Education Redesign?

Alberta is currently undertaking a process of educational redesign to transform their education system to better prepare their children for tomorrow's world.

They are shifting from a content and information-heavy teaching and learning model, where assessment is mainly done through standardized tests, to a competency-based, student interest driven and locally-assessed one.

The NWT uses many of Alberta's curricula, programming, and assessment materials and tools. This is particularly true at the high school level. As a result, Alberta's 'Curriculum Redesign' and 'High School Success' initiatives will have significant impacts on the NWT. Some examples of Alberta's influence:

- ⇒ The NWT purchases statistically validated assessment tools that we are unable to produce on our own, like diploma exams and Alberta Achievement Tests (AATs),
- ⇒ The NWT uses a range of Alberta's curricula, and teaching resources, including almost all high school courses and text books.
- ⇒ NWT high school graduation requirements very closely mirror those of Alberta.
- ⇒ A significant number of NWT students who pursue post-secondary education do so in an Alberta-based institution.

Albertans have recognized that their education system, while very good, needs to adapt to meet the challenges and embrace the opportunities of a constantly evolving world.

"We need to prepare Alberta's students for their future—not our past. The way in which we've previously delivered education is no longer sufficient. So, together, we're changing our way of thinking."

As a close partner, this is an opportunity for the NWT to learn from, and participate in, Alberta's educational changes, as the NWT rolls out its own Education Renewal strategy. The NWT continues to be an active partner with Alberta in the ongoing process of educational change.



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