

K & E



KNOWLEDGE & EMPLOYABILITY (K&E) IS A SERIES OF COURSES DEVELOPED BY ALBERTA EDUCATION TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WHO WISH TO ENTER DIRECTLY INTO THE WORKFORCE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, WITHOUT EARNING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

What is K & E?

Knowledge and Employability courses (K&E), as developed by Alberta Education, are designed for students in Grades 8 to 12 who demonstrate reading, writing, mathematical and/or other levels of achievement that are multiple grade levels below their age-appropriate grade and learn best through experiences that integrate academics with essential and employability skills in work placements.

K&E courses, as designed, may enable students to move directly into the workforce, however the academic courses do not meet high school diploma requirements.

Prior to students entering K&E courses, students and parents need to be aware that these courses do not meet the criteria for an NWT (or Alberta) Senior High School Diploma.

Some students may transition successfully from K&E courses to other courses that do count toward a diploma or to continuing education and training opportunities.

K&E courses may be a good match for an NWT student if:

- ▷ The student desires to enter the workplace without gaining a Senior High School Diploma
- ▷ Past performance demonstrates a need for alternative programming as shown by past formal assessments
- ▷ Yearly written consent of both the student and their parents/guardians to ensure understanding that K&E courses have reduced academic expectations and will not result in a Senior High School Diploma
- ▷ Consultation with the student and their parents/guardians, teachers, and other staff, where a written plan is created that clearly states the student's goals and maps the courses needed to achieve them

K & E courses are not designed for students with special educational needs.

NWT Education Renewal is currently working on redesigning high school course selection, pathways, and graduation requirements to ensure all NWT students have access to a high school program that suits their individual learning needs.



For more information...

- ⇒ Visit Alberta Education's K&E Studio @ www.learnalberta.ca/content/kes/index.html
- ⇒ Access Alberta Education's [K&E Handbook](#)

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