



Introduction

What can I learn from others who see things differently? In Grade 5, all students take the following required subjects: art, English language arts and literature, mathematics, music, physical education and wellness, science, and social studies. Students in Francophone schools or French immersion programs take a mandatory French language course.

Art

What is “good” design? In Grade 5 Art, your child will examine the individual character of objects and forms and begin to judge whether designed objects meet certain standards. They will play with shapes, changing them using abstraction and distortion, and work on using a minimum of material and effort in their art.

English Language Arts and Literature

I can set my own goals to improve my language skills! I can choose pictures, print, and other ways to share my experiences. Your child will use many methods to create, organize, and publish information. They will listen to others carefully to collaborate.

Mathematics

I’m using mathematics to solve problems. Your child will convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. They will determine divisibility tests, represent the frequency of data, and begin to work with ratios, tables of values, and the coordinate grid.

Music

Sing, sing a song, make it simple, to last your whole life long! Grade 5 students understand that rhythm, melody, and chords are related. Your child will create rhythms and match the names, sounds, and pictures of instruments. When they sing, they’ll work on singing with a good tone and with expression.

Physical Education and Wellness

I’m getting better at listening to others! Your child will understand that it is important to appreciate others around them. They will also discover ways to deal with their stress, manage their time, and stay physically healthy. They will grow to appreciate the importance of physical activity while discovering essential life skills, such as cooperation, leadership, fair play, and teamwork.

Science

I am learning about climate, weather, and agriculture! In Grade 5 Science, your child will deepen their understanding of climate zones. They will explore energy resources, apply the design process, and learn about the particle model of matter.

Social Studies

For the 2024–2025 school year, the draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 social studies curriculum will be optionally piloted in classrooms. To find out if your child will be in a piloting classroom, contact your child’s school. For more information about the new curriculum, visit [K to 6 curriculum renewal](#).

Optional Subjects

At the elementary school level, programming may include one or more optional subjects. Some schools may offer additional optional subjects not listed below.

- Career and Technology Foundations
- Drama
- First Nations Languages
- French as a Second Language
- International Languages
- Locally Developed Courses

How Your Child Is Assessed

Your child’s learning is assessed using a variety of tools and strategies within the classroom. Ask your child’s teacher what methods they are using. The different assessment methods tell you and your child’s teacher about your child’s



strengths, areas in which your child requires support, and how well your child is doing throughout each course. Your child's teacher can then change or refine their teaching plans to ensure that learning activities better meet the needs of your child. At the end of each course, your child is assessed and their achievement is reported so that you know if they have achieved the expected learning outcomes for their grade.

Resources to Help Your Child

A variety of digital and print resources developed by publishers, Alberta Education, or Alberta teachers are available to help students learn. Teachers may select and bring into the classroom numerous innovative and creative resources to create rich learning experiences for your child.

In September 2024, students across Alberta will learn from finalized curriculum in

- K–6 Français langue première et littérature
- K–6 French immersion language arts and literature
- K–6 science
- K–6 English language arts and literature
- K–6 mathematics
- K–6 physical education and wellness

To learn more about the resources your child may encounter in these finalized subjects, visit [Explore Resources](#). To view resources for all other subjects, visit [LearnAlberta.ca](#).

Where can I get more information?

Learn more about your child's education by visiting <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/parents/>.