



Introduction

I take responsibility for myself. In Grade 6, 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

How can I play with form to improve my art? Your child will play with form and explore more complex art procedures. They will examine the individual character of objects and forms and judge whether designs are “good” or not. Using various media, they’ll express themselves and refine their work.

English Language Arts and Literature

How can I understand the people around me? How will they understand me? Your child will develop writing and speaking skills that will help them adjust to different situations and communicate effectively. They will draw information from different sources to expand their understanding.

Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature provincial achievement tests will not be administered in the 2023–2024 school year. Alberta Education will instead offer field testing options to schools between April and June 2024. These optional field tests will help inform the development of future provincial achievement tests for Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature that align with the new curriculum.

Mathematics

I complete operations with numbers. Your child will learn about negative numbers and powers. They will multiply and divide decimal numbers and add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators. They will begin to work with ratios, algebraic properties, and the Cartesian plane.

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Music

I’m scaling up! In Grade 6, your child will explore different rhythms and scales and will perform songs written in a variety of scales. They will study electronic music and the structures in longer forms of music, as well as key signatures and timbre.

Physical Education and Wellness

Doing things that are not safe affect me and might hurt other people too! Your child will understand that their choices, whether good or bad, can touch a lot of people. They will see how learning to make decisions with a whole group is an important life skill. They will also grow to appreciate the importance of physical activity while discovering essential life skills, such as cooperation, leadership, fair play, and teamwork.

Science

I am writing code and exploring computers and technology! In Grade 6 Science, your child will expand their computational thinking skills. They will also learn about internal and external forces, climate change, and the biodiversity of ecosystems.

At the end of this course, your child will write a provincial achievement test (PAT). These tests determine if students across the province are learning what they are expected to learn. For more information, view the [Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test Parent Guide](#).



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.

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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/>.