



Introduction

I'm in junior high! Grade 7 is exciting and challenging. In Grade 7, all students take the following required subjects: English language arts, health and life skills, mathematics, physical education, science, and social studies. Students in Francophone schools or French immersion programs take a mandatory French language course. Additional optional subjects are also offered.

English Language Arts

I can use different text forms to help me express my ideas. Grade 7 students extend their understanding by finding different ways to express ideas, such as through magazine ads or brochures. They analyze how storylines progress, considering settings and characters, and make notes using headings, subheadings, or symbols.

Health and Life Skills

My friends like me for who I am. I have a lot to offer! Grade 7 students become aware that they need to show more responsibility in their grooming, organization, study habits, and relationships with others.

Mathematics

I'm learning about statistics. Your child will learn and explain the divisibility rules, solve problems involving percent, and add and subtract integers. They will add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers. Your child will model and solve one-step equations and two-step equations, and solve problems involving area. They will understand the mean, median, and mode for a set of data and create and interpret circle graphs.

Physical Education

What are the benefits of an active lifestyle? Your child will take part in various activities that will help them to lead a healthy, active lifestyle. They will grow to appreciate the importance of physical activity while discovering essential

life skills, such as cooperation, leadership, fair play, and teamwork.

Science

How are heat and temperature different? Your child will begin the study of energy, matter, and forces and analyze and communicate understandings of Earth and its ecosystems. Grade 7 Science focuses on the science- and technology-related knowledge and skills your child needs in order to solve problems and make decisions about social and environmental issues.

Social Studies

How has Canada changed over time? What kinds of changes have there been and why? Your child will explore the people and events that led to Canadian Confederation, and the major changes in Canadian life since then that have shaped citizenship and identity in our diverse society.

Optional Subjects

Optional subjects give students the chance to explore their interests. These subjects also reinforce learnings in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Optional subjects can vary from school to school. Students should be encouraged to continue in Grade 8 and Grade 9 with at least one of the optional subjects selected in Grade 7.

- Art
- Career and Technology Foundations
- Drama
- Environmental and Outdoor Education
- Ethics
- First Nations Languages
- French as a Second Language
- International Languages
- Locally Developed Courses
- Music



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. Visit [LearnAlberta.ca](https://www.learnalberta.ca) to learn more about the resources your child may encounter.

Where can I get more information?

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