

CURRICULUM ADVISORY PANEL

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 PROVINCIAL CURRICULUM

TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONTEXT

The Government of Alberta has committed to pause the curriculum review and engage in further consultations that include a range of perspectives from parents, teachers, industry and subject matter experts to ensure K-12 provincial curriculum aligns with the priorities of Albertans.

OVERARCHING FOCUS

The Curriculum Advisory Panel (Panel) on Kindergarten to grade 12 provincial curriculum is to provide strategic advice to the Minister of Education on a new Ministerial Order on Student Learning and direction for curriculum.

CURRICULUM REVIEW PANEL MANDATE

The mandate of the Panel will be to advise Minister on:

1. Advise the Minister on a new Ministerial Order on Student Learning:
 - To reflect the vision for student learning, the Panel will draft a new Ministerial Order that provides direction on the foundational knowledge, skills and competencies students should attain through the K-12 education system.
 - Using this draft as the basis for an engagement process with Albertans on the vision for student learning, the Panel will then recommend a final Ministerial Order to Minister.
2. Advise the Minister on direction for curriculum:
 - With the end student in mind and informed by globally endorsed best practices, jurisdictional research, and previous engagement feedback, the Panel will provide advice to Minister on direction for curriculum.
 - The Panel will produce a report outlining their advice, and any related recommendations for Minister.

The Panel may also provide advice to the Minister on other education related matters at the Minister's discretion.

SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE PANEL

The Department of Education will provide the support required to assist the Panel, including the following:

- Arranging for access to information as required, including all relevant documentation.
- Providing secretariat support to the Panel.
- Orientation to *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the "FOIP Act"). As public bodies, Alberta Education and The Panel subject to the *FOIP Act*.

DELIVERABLES

The Panel will provide a report to the Minister by December 20, 2019. The report must deliver advice and recommendations to the Minister on a new Ministerial Order for Student Learning and direction for curriculum.

The Panel shall recommend to Minister a Ministerial Order on Student Learning, informed by input from Albertans, and provide any follow-up clarifications, explanations, or other advice as requested by the Minister or Department of Education, prior to March 29, 2020.

TERM OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership will begin as of the date of signing, with a time commitment of approximately eight days. The Panel will be disestablished on March 29, 2020.

CHAIR

The Panel Chair will:

- be appointed by the Minister of Education;
- provide leadership of all Panel activities;
- convene and conduct all meetings of the Panel; and,
- provide advice, recommendations and deliverables to the Minister on behalf of the Panel.

The Minister will also appoint a Vice-Chair to fulfill the responsibilities of the Panel Chair in absence of the Chair.