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Alberta is an international leader in education.
Alberta's world-class Kindergarten to Grade 12
education system has an excellent reputation and is
recognized as one of the best in the English
speaking world.

#### International excellence

Students in Alberta continue to perform at very high levels in all three domains assessed by the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2018: reading literacy, mathematics, and science. Alberta students are among the highest achievers in the world.

Alberta's continuing participation in international student assessments, such as PISA, reflects government's commitment to benchmark Alberta's education system against leading global jurisdictions.

In the PISA 2018 study, Alberta students' scores in reading and in science are higher than in any western country, and mathematics scores were second highest.

Rank	Internationally	Within Canada
Science	4 <sup>th</sup> – tied	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mathematics	9 <sup>th</sup> – tied	2 <sup>nd</sup> – tied
Reading literacy	3 <sup>rd</sup> – tied	1 <sup>st</sup> – tied

#### Alberta curriculum

Alberta schools deliver a curriculum that specifies what students are expected to learn and do in all grades and subjects. The curriculum is designed to be learner focused, and provides the foundation for a variety of ways to engage and connect with students.

Clear student learning outcomes are designed to help students achieve their potential and create a positive future for themselves, their families and communities. Alberta's curriculum promotes competencies that help students build on what they know, how they think and what they can do.

#### Setting high standards

Alberta's assessments help students achieve success by ensuring achievement standards are being met. Standardized learning assessments and testing in grades 6, 9 and 12 check students' progress and allows teachers to adjust their instruction to maximize student learning experiences.

#### Did you know?

- Alberta continues to be among the world leaders in all areas of assessment.
- Alberta has the highest PISA ranking of English speaking countries.



## Internationally recognized high school credentials

Graduating from an Alberta accredited international school means receiving the Alberta high school diploma that is internationally recognized. Alberta's education system prepares students for employment and post-secondary opportunities related to their personal and career interests. Students can choose to continue their education at Alberta's post-secondary institutions or attend other universities or colleges in Canada and around the world.

### Highly qualified and trained teachers

Teachers at Alberta accredited international schools are required to be Alberta certificated or have teaching credentials approved by Alberta's Ministry of Education. This ensures that the Alberta curriculum is successfully delivered. The ministry maintains high standards for educators by requiring teacher preparation and professional growth that focuses on knowledge, skills and attributes needed to guide and motivate students to be successful.

## Developing English language skills

With an increasing global economy, English language proficiency is an important skill to have. An Alberta accredited program helps students improve their English language skills, and develop a better understanding of cultural values, customs and social expectations in English-speaking countries.

# Welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments

Alberta's education system is designed to provide meaningful learning experiences, promote equal opportunities and embrace learner differences in all children and students. Alberta accredited international schools are expected to provide welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning settings where students have access to instructional supports in an inclusive learning environment.

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