

An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026

Updated Implementation Timelines

Initiative	Effective Date	Compliance Date
Legislative amendments		
Repealing/replacing “welcoming, caring, respectful...” language with “a safe and caring environment that fosters and maintains respectful and responsible behaviours”	September 1, 2026	December 1, 2026
New student code of conduct statement prohibiting students from engaging in and reinforce students’ roles in assisting in preventing violence	September 1, 2026	December 1, 2026
Remaining legislative changes including (abbreviated): • ensuring diverse student viewpoints, • ensuring impartial education programming, • refraining from issuing statements or taking positions on political, social, or ideological matters, • protecting employees from being compelled to participate or express statements on conscientious, political, social, or ideological beliefs, • ensuring courses, programs of study and instructional materials encourage a range of perspectives, • meaningful parental involvement in their child’s learning and non-instructional school activities, • delivery of courses/programs of study is continuously monitored, • teach courses/programs of study with a focus on academic rigor, • trustees seeking nomination in a federal election or by-election to take a leave of absence without pay, • oversight of superintendent contracts, • ensuring literacy/numeracy intervention supports, • digital administration of provincial assessments, • removal of requirement for approval of external parties using or providing teaching and learning resources that deal primarily and explicitly with gender identify, sexual orientation or human sexuality to provide religious instruction. • compelling the disposition of real property deemed underused.	September 1, 2026	September 1, 2026
Requirements respecting the display of flags and playing of the Canadian national anthem	To be determined*	To be determined*

Requirements respecting the naming and renaming of public school buildings	To be determined*	To be determined*
Regulations and Ministerial Orders		
New regulation to establish provincial oversight of rules for the display of flags	To be determined*	To be determined*
New regulation to set provincial strategic priorities for school authorities	October 31, 2026	December 1, 2026
Amend the Professional Conduct and Competency for Teachers and Teacher Leaders Regulation to require objectivity, a balanced presentation of issues, and support for diverse student viewpoints	December 1, 2026	December 1, 2026
New Ministerial Order to establish Ministerial principles for school board trustee codes of conduct to strengthen decorum and protect freedom of speech rights for elected trustees	December 1, 2026	December 1, 2026
New regulation to establish provincial oversight for naming or renaming public school building	To be determined*	To be determined*
Amend the Disposition of Property Regulation to compel school authorities to dispose of underused real property to the government	To be determined**	To be determined**
Amend the Charter Schools Regulation to establish eligibility requirements and criteria for issuing a charter on a continuing basis and provide the Minister with additional authority in the event of non-compliance	September 1, 2026	September 1, 2026

All adjusted dates are in **bold**.

* Effective and compliance dates for legislative and regulatory changes respecting the display of flags, playing of the Canadian national anthem, and naming and renaming of public school buildings are under review. Additional information will be shared in fall 2026.

** Information regarding regulatory amendments will be shared in fall 2026.