



Alberta Accredited International Schools

Virtual Student Exchange Program

Program details

Alberta Education is launching a Virtual Student Exchange Program for Grade 10 Alberta students and students studying at an Alberta Accredited International School.

Students meeting the eligibility criteria will work in international groups, as well as working independently before and after group meetings, over an eight-week period to complete a series of Alberta curriculum-related challenges designed by the department. The three challenges relate to Alberta Grade 10 curriculum for Mathematics, Science, English Language Arts and Social Studies.

Students will receive a certificate to mark the completion of their student exchange program. The group with the best overall score will receive an award.

Eligibility

- Students must currently be studying in Grade 10
- Students must be studying the Alberta curriculum at either a local school or an Alberta Accredited International School

Benefits

The virtual exchange will provide valuable personal and academic experiences to students, such as the opportunity to:

- develop international friendships
- connect with youth from across the globe who are also studying the Alberta Program of Studies
- learn about another culture, school, community and region
- work collaboratively in a global team setting
- learn and develop intercultural communication and negotiation skills
- build analytical, creative, and interpersonal skills

Cost

There is no cost associated with applying to and participating in the Virtual Student Exchange Program.

Meeting times and locations

All meetings will be held virtually through Zoom or Microsoft Teams platforms. Weekly meetings will last approximately one hour, but additional time to work independently before or after team meetings will be required.

Alberta Education will provide a suggested schedule for meetings will be provided to students. Meetings may occur on weekends or weekdays depending on time zone differences and student availability.

TIMELINES AND TASKS

Week	Task
Week 1	Math 10 Challenge Deadline: End of Week 1
Weeks 2-3	Science 10 Challenge Deadline: End of Week 3
Weeks 4-6	English Language Arts/Social Studies 10 Challenge Deadline: End of Week 6
Weeks 7-8	Student work is assessed, and winning team is selected
Week 8	Full group meeting to announce winner and showcase work

For more information

If you have any questions, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/student-and-educator-exchange-programs> or contact:

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