



Introduction

It's fun to explore Grade 4! In Grade 4, all students take the following required subjects: art, English language arts and literature, mathematics, music, physical education and wellness, science, and social studies. Students in Francophone schools or French immersion programs take a mandatory French language course.

Art

Doesn't it look real? In Grade 4 Art, your child will develop more realistic treatments and refine forms. They will think about the visual qualities of objects, distinguish natural objects, and improve their work as much as possible. Your child will also use art to express their feelings and ideas.

English Language Arts and Literature

My friends think differently than I do! Your child will explore, discuss, and interpret other opinions. They will pay attention to features and elements in texts and notice different ways that dialogue can add to stories. Your child will express their ideas logically and in ways that entertain. They will learn that brainstorming in a group can be more fun than working alone.

Mathematics

I'm learning about fractions and decimals. Your child will add and subtract decimal numbers and relate fractions, decimals, and percentages. They will learn to use the order of operations, classify angles, and compare graphical representations of data.

Music

I can create musical harmony! Your child will experiment with tuned instruments and combine sounds to make harmony. They will identify chords, group beats into fours, and group instruments into families. They'll sing quickly and slowly, and happily and sadly, understanding that music changes.

Physical Education and Wellness

I feel great when I help others! Your child will learn more about supporting others, showing respect, and being a good role model. They will learn that they can deal with bullies and set good goals for themselves. They will grow to appreciate the importance of physical activity while discovering essential life skills, such as cooperation, leadership, fair play, and teamwork.

Science

Can that be recycled? Your child will learn about how much waste we produce and identify ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. They will examine and build devices with moving parts and learn about plant parts and their functions. By using mirrors and prisms, your child will investigate light and its pathways.

Social Studies

What is Alberta like and how did Alberta become what it is now? By examining the many aspects of Alberta—such as geography, history, and culture—your child will develop a stronger sense of people's identity as Albertans and a better understanding of our province's diversity.

Optional Subjects

At the elementary school level, programming may include one or more optional subjects. Some schools may offer additional optional subjects not listed below.

- Drama
- First Nations Languages
- French as a Second Language
- International Languages
- Locally Developed Courses

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.

In September 2023, students across Alberta will learn from finalized curriculum in

- K–3 Français langue première et littérature
- K–3 French immersion language arts and literature
- K–3 science
- K–6 English language arts and literature
- K–6 mathematics
- K–6 physical education and wellness

To learn more about the resources your child may encounter in these finalized subjects, visit [Explore Resources](#). To view resources for all other subjects, visit [LearnAlberta.ca](https://new.learnalberta.ca/).

Where can I get more information?

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