



Introduction

Look at me—I'm in Grade 1! In Grade 1, 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.

***Note:** English language arts and literature may have different points of entry in Francophone schools or French immersion programs based on a school authority's decision and/or policy.

Art

How do I create things? In Grade 1, your child will create visual art by using a variety of media and techniques and will begin to think about what visual symbols mean. Through the four major components of the art program, they will explore form and function and develop decorative styles.

English Language Arts and Literature

What are words and how can I use them? How can I speak well with others and know I am using the right words? Grade 1 students see why words are important and how words can be used to create beautiful stories. Your child will experience the fun of communicating, learning, and expressing themselves.

Physical Education and Wellness

Staying active keeps my body healthy and strong! Your child will see the importance of establishing healthy habits and building friendships. They will grow to appreciate the importance of physical activity, while discovering essential life skills, such as cooperation, leadership, fair play, and teamwork.

Mathematics

I'm learning addition and subtraction facts. Your child will

learn to compare quantities and solve problems using addition and subtraction. They will gather data, identify and sort shapes, and learn about cycles of time.

Music

Let the music move you! Your child will explore and describe the sounds around them, noting whether they're high or low. They will echo rhythms and express their feelings by using action songs, singing games, and rhythm instruments.

Science

Do you know why fall is my favourite season of the year? Grade 1 Science will foster your child's natural sense of wonder about their world while they learn about the seasons and living things.

Social Studies

For the 2024–2025 school year, the draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 social studies curriculum will be optionally piloted in classrooms. To find out if your child will be in a piloting classroom, contact your child's school. For more information about the new curriculum, visit [K to 6 curriculum renewal](#).

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
- 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.

Students in Grade 1 will complete provincial literacy and numeracy screening assessments. These assessments provide important information about how students are learning and what they need help with. The assessments make sure that students who are struggling get the help they need sooner. For more information about literacy and numeracy screening assessments, view the [Parent/Guardian Question and Answer Sheet](#).

Resources to Help Your Child

A variety of digital and print resources developed by publishers, Education and Childcare, 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 2024, students across Alberta will learn from finalized curriculum in

- K–6 Français langue première et littérature
- K–6 French immersion language arts and literature
- K–6 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](#).

Where can I get more information?

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