

Websites supporting teaching in Alberta

Alberta Education: <http://education.alberta.ca>

Programs of Study, expectations of teachers, news from Alberta Education

Authorized Resources Database: <http://education.alberta.ca/apps/lrdb>

Searchable database of materials authorized for use in Alberta schools, including textbooks for different grades and subject (textbooks = basic student resource)

Alberta Teachers Association: <http://www.teachers.ab.ca>

Facts about education in Alberta; professional concerns of educators

Alberta Assessment Consortium: <http://www.aac.ab.ca> (ask at the Reference Desk for user name and password)

Information about assessment, and examples of performance assessment tasks designed for use with the Alberta program of studies.

LearnAlberta.ca: <http://www.learnalberta.ca> (ask at the Reference Desk for password)

Three components:

1. Digital and online resources searchable by grade, subject, format, purpose etc.
2. Online Reference Centre (ORC) – licensed online databases
3. My workspace – where teachers can save worthwhile resources for future use
Now also incorporates the former Tools4Teachers site

Online Reference Centre has three primary kinds of resources:

1. Encyclopedias (with somewhat enhanced features)
2. Research Databases (general and specialized)
3. Specific subject resources: Bookflix, Teaching Books Net, Novelist, Learning Literature, Statistics Canada, Culturegrams, History Study Center, Opposing Viewpoints, Science in Context...

2Learn.ca: <http://www.2learn.ca>

Links to interactive and informational websites related to the Alberta curriculum divided by subject

Gateways 2Learning – more extensive resources on a few specific topics

Cool Teaching Links [Doucette]: http://wiki.ucalgary.ca/page/Cool_Teaching_Links

Links to selective substantive websites useful in teaching different curriculum subjects

Galileo Educational Network: <http://www.galileo.org>

Inspiring examples of what can be accomplished by Alberta students engaged in real inquiry projects, and with purposeful integration of technology.

Connect: The Professional Learning Journal of the Calgary Science School:

<http://calgaryscienceschool.blogspot.com>

Teachers at the Calgary Science School share their thinking and the results of their classroom projects, assignments and assessment practices.