



# Innovation in Action: Alberta's Public Charter Schools

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Alberta is the **only** Canadian province to enrich the landscape of public education by supporting charter schools. Charter schools foster innovative practice and encourage research while also enhancing choice and competition.

## **Alberta's Public Charter Schools:**

- Receive public funding and **do not charge tuition**
- Receive the same per pupil grants as other public schools
- Adhere to the Alberta curriculum
- Maintain high levels of accountability to the Minister of Education
- Function under provincial legislation & time-specific agreements with Alberta Education
- Are governed by Charter Boards of Directors who are elected volunteers
- Employ certificated teachers with eligibility for Associate Membership in the Alberta Teachers' Association
- Bridge educational theory and research to classroom practice
- Reflect the full diversity of all Alberta's students

## **Alberta's Public Charter Schools are in high demand:**

- Educational choice matters to Alberta's students and their parents
- Alberta's 13 charter schools serve just over 9000 students in Calgary, Medicine Hat, Valhalla Centre, and the Edmonton area.
- Enrolment caps limit growth and restrict opportunity for interested students

## **Alberta's Public Charter Schools are distinguished by:**

- Research; innovative methods of instruction; opportunities for meaningful parental involvement; and safe, caring, responsive learning environments
- Results achieved for student learning and stakeholder satisfaction as indicated by the Accountability Pillar measures of Alberta Education

**How do charter schools support a world-class public education system in Alberta?**

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