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APPENDIX A



School Act Reference Sections

Parents may wish to consult relevant sections of the *School Act* pertaining to students with special needs. The *School Act* is available for purchase from Queen’s Printer Bookstores in Edmonton (780-427-4952) and Calgary (403-297-6251) or online at www.qp.gov.ab.ca. The *Act* can also be downloaded at no charge at www.qp.gov.ab.ca/documents/acts/S03.cfm.

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Basic Learning Policies

For more information on Basic Learning policies, see the *K–12 Learning System Policy, Regulations and Forms Manual*. Your local school jurisdiction office should have a copy of the manual. Copies of the policies are available on the Web site at www.learning.gov.ab.ca/educationguide/pol-plan/polregs/toc.asp.

Policy No.

- 1.6.1 Educational Placement of Students with Special Needs
- 1.6.2 Special Education
- 1.8.1 Services for Students and Children
- 3.5.1 Review by the Minister
- 3.5.2 Special Needs Tribunal

Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12 (updated annually)

Available at www.learning.gov.ab.ca/educationguide/guide.asp?id=0101.

Funding Manual for School Authorities (updated annually)

Available at www.learning.gov.ab.ca/funding/fundingmanual.

Special Education Definitions (updated annually)

Available at www.learning.gov.ab.ca/k_12/specialneeds/SpecialEd_def.pdf.

Standards for Special Education (2003)

Available at www.learning.gov.ab.ca/k_12/specialneeds/SpecialEd_std2003.pdf.

APPENDIX C



Alberta Learning Resources

Resources for parents

The Parent Advantage: Helping Children Become More Successful Learners at Home and School, Grades 1–9 (1998)

Order #361501 / \$7.55 * / 68 pgs.

This resource was developed jointly by Alberta Learning and the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta. It was written by two experienced writer-teachers and includes strategies parents can use to help their child improve organizational, reading, writing, spelling, math, test taking and project skills.

The Learning Team: A Handbook for Parents of Children with Special Needs (2003)

Order #511891 / \$5.10* / 122 pgs.

This resource includes information for parents on policies, procedures, individualized program plans, transition planning, collaboration and resolving differences.

To find a free PDF version of this resource go to: www.learning.gov.ab.ca/educationguide/special/partners/.

Curriculum Handbooks for Parents (updated annually)

These handbooks outline learner outcomes in each subject area for each grade level.

To find a free PDF version of this resource go to: www.learning.gov.ab.ca/parents/handbooks.

LearnAlberta.ca

Students, teachers and parents will find multimedia learning resources that directly relate to the Alberta programs of study on this Web site. LearnAlberta.ca is a safe and reliable collection of learning resources for students, teachers and parents, developed by Alberta Learning in consultation with stakeholders.

Resources for students

Make School Work for You (2001)

Order #461426 / Student resource \$5.45 * / 112 pgs.

Order #461434 / Teacher Guide \$5.90 * / 68 pgs.

Order #470948 / Audio CDs \$11.10 *

A collaborative project of the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta and Alberta Learning, this resource is for junior and senior high students who want to be more successful learners. It includes information and strategies to help students know about themselves, get organized, make every class count, get along with others, do well on tests and projects, and stay motivated. The student resource has an accompanying teacher guide and an audio CD set to support students with reading difficulties.



Programming for Students with Special Needs series

This series was developed for regular classroom and special education teachers to assist them with programming for students with special needs. The information in each book is interrelated and can be used to enhance the teaching and learning of all students.

Book 1 *Teaching for Student Differences* (1995)
Order #292855 / \$7.45 * / 151 pgs.

Highlights strategies for differentiating instruction within the regular classroom for students who may have learning or behavioural difficulties, or who may be gifted and talented. It also describes a process for adapting the regular program.

Book 3 *Individualized Program Plans (IPPs)* (1995)

Order #292871 / \$6.05 * / 102 pgs.

Describes a process for developing individualized program plans (IPPs) to meet the learning needs of students with special needs. It includes strategies for involving parents, forms and checklists for planning, ideas for transition planning, and case studies and samples of completed IPPs.

Book 6 *Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities* (1996)

Order #315699 / \$21.85 * / 355 pgs.

Provides practical strategies for regular classroom and special education teachers. It includes information on identification and program planning, assessment, learning styles, long-range planning and instructional strategies.

Book 7 *Teaching Students who are Gifted and Talented* (2000)

Order #415283 / \$20.70 * / 356 pgs.

Addresses administration of programs for the gifted and talented at both the district and school levels, and discusses various conceptions of giftedness. It also discusses identification of students, developing individualized program plans and working with parents.

Book 8 *Teaching Students with Emotional Disorders and/or Mental Illnesses* (2000)

Order #411653 / \$14.55 * / 207 pgs.

Takes a comprehensive look at six emotional disorders and mental illnesses including: eating disorders, anxiety disorders, depression, schizophrenia, oppositional defiant disorder and conduct disorder. It describes the characteristics, symptoms and risk factors for each disorder or illness. It also includes strategies for teachers, parents and other caregivers to use to assist students.

Book 9 *Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders* (2003)

Order #517378 / \$14.00* / 230 pgs.

Provides basic knowledge about this spectrum of disabilities, educational programming implications and programming strategies.

To find a free PDF version of this resource go to: www.learning.gov.ab.ca/k_12/specialneeds/autism.asp.



Other teaching resources

Unlocking Potential: Key Components of Programming for Students with Learning Disabilities (2003)

Order #510851 / \$9.60 * / 124 pgs.

Includes sample strategies, suggested outcomes and connections to other Alberta Learning resources for each of the following nine programming components: collaboration, meaningful parent involvement, identification and assessment, ongoing assessment, individualized program plans, transition planning, self-advocacy, accommodations and instructions.

To find a free PDF version of this resource go to: www.learning.gov.ab.ca/k_12/specialneeds/unlock.asp.



Ordering information

Learning Resources Centre (LRC)

Customer Service and Marketing

12360 – 142 Street NW

Edmonton, AB T5L 4X9

Telephone: 780-427-2767

Or toll-free in Alberta by dialing 310-0000

Fax: 780-422-9750

Online ordering: www.lrc.learning.gov.ab.ca/

***Please Note:** All prices subject to change.

APPENDIX D



Sample Web Sites for Parents

Alberta Associations for Bright Children
(AABC)
www.edmc.net/aabc

College of William and Mary, Center for
Gifted Education
www.cfge.wm.edu

Edmonton Catholic Schools
www.lss.ecsd.net/gifted

Eric Clearinghouse on Disabilities and
Gifted Education
www.ericec.org/digests/prodfly.html

GT World
www.gtworld.org

Gifted Canada
www3.bc.sympatico.ca/giftedcanada

Gifted Development Center
www.gifteddevelopment.com

Gifted Education in Alberta
www.educ.ucalgary.ca/altagift

Hoagies' Gifted Education Page
www.hoagiesgifted.org

The National Foundation for Gifted and
Creative Children
www.nfgcc.org

The National Research Center on the Gifted
and Talented
www.ucc.uconn.edu/~wwwgt/nrcgt.html

Parents' Resources
www.ri.net/gifted_talented/parents.html

TAG: Families of the Talented and Gifted
www.tagfam.org

APPENDIX E



Sample Organizations for Parents

Alberta Associations for Bright Children (AABC)

Room 1280, 6240 – 113 Street
Edmonton, AB T6H 3L2

Telephone: 780-422-0362
Toll free in Alberta: 310-0000, ask for 422-0362
Fax: 780-413-1631
E-mail: aabc@edmc.net
Web site: www.edmc.net/aabc

The Alberta Associations for Bright Children is a nonprofit charitable organization that welcomes as a member anyone interested in the education and support of bright, gifted and talented children.

As well as the provincial organization in Edmonton, there are two local chapters, one in Edmonton and one in Calgary. There are also a number of network groups located in Drumheller, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer and St. Albert.

The mission of AABC is to advance education by informing, advocating and supporting the social and emotional development, legal rights and general well-being of bright, gifted and talented children in Alberta. This will be accomplished in collaboration with our partners in the educational community. To do this is to benefit education in Alberta generally, as the parts make up the whole.

The Bright Site

Room 1280, 6240 – 113 Street
Edmonton, AB T6H 3L2

Telephone: 780-422-0362
Toll free in Alberta: 310-0000, ask for 422-0362
Fax: 780-413-1631
E-mail: aabc@edmc.net
Web site: www.edmc.net/aabc

The Bright Site is a resource room operated by AABC. The resource materials at the Bright Site include books, videos, audiotapes and journals relating to giftedness. AABC maintains a library of reprints of journal articles covering a wide range of topics. Individual reprints may be purchased at the Bright Site in person, by mail or by e-mail.

The Bright Site can provide information on inclusive education, Alberta charter schools for the gifted and noteworthy school programs, such as the Academic Challenge program of the Edmonton Public School Board and the GATE program of the Calgary Board of Education.

Centre for Gifted Education (University of Calgary)

170 Education Block
University of Calgary
2500 University Drive NW
Calgary, AB T2N 1N4

Telephone: 403-220-7799
Fax: 403-210-2068
E-mail: gifteduc@ucalgary.ca
Web site: www.ucalgary.ca/~gifteduc/

The Centre for Gifted Education is an interdisciplinary agency housed within the Faculty of Education at the University of Calgary. The Centre works with university departments and community agencies to develop and deliver graduate programs, curricular materials for teachers and workshops for parents, teachers and administrators. The Centre maintains a library, conducts a summer school program for gifted students, conducts research relating to gifted and talented individuals and serves as liaison for various interest groups in the education of the gifted.

Gifted Education in Alberta – Web site

www.educ.ucalgary.ca/altagift

This site is designed to help parents find out about what's happening for gifted children throughout the province of Alberta.

Gifted and Talented Education Council – The Alberta Teachers' Association

The Alberta Teachers' Association
11010 – 142 Street
Edmonton, AB T5N 2R1

Telephone: 780-447-9400 in Edmonton
Toll-free: 1-800-232-7208
Fax: 780-455-6481
Web site: www.gtecouncil.com/

The Gifted and Talented Education Council (GTEC) of the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) is a specialist council for teachers in ECS to Grade 12 with an interest in the education of gifted and talented children. GTEC is dedicated to the improvement of teaching practices of gifted and talented children in the regular classroom, pullout programs and full-time programs.

GTEC publishes a newsletter featuring council news and ideas for classroom use. Twice a year, GTEC also publishes *AGATE* (Alberta Gifted and Talented Education), a journal of theoretical descriptive and research articles on all aspects of the education of gifted and talented children. Those who are not ATA members may become affiliate members of GTEC by phoning the ATA.

SAGE Conference

Web site: www.gtecouncil.com/

The Society for the Advancement of Gifted Education (SAGE) is an umbrella organization of primary stakeholders in gifted education in Alberta, including AABC, GTEC, Alberta Learning and the Centre for Gifted Education. SAGE hosts an annual conference that alternates between Calgary and Edmonton. For further information about the conference, please contact the Alberta Associations for Bright Children at 780-422-0362 or the Centre for Gifted Education at 403-220-7799.



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