

*So You're Planning to Start a **UKRAINIAN** Language Program?*

Information and Resources (December 2006)

What provincial curriculum and resources are available to support a Ukrainian program?

Provincial Programs of Study

The following provincial programs of study are available:

- Ukrainian Language and Culture
 - Ukrainian Language and Culture Nine-year Program, Grades 4–5
 - Ukrainian Language and Culture Six-year Program, Grades 7–8–9
 - Ukrainian Language and Culture 10-6Y, 20-6Y, 30-6Y
 - Ukrainian Language and Culture 10-3Y, 20-3Y, 30-3Y
- Ukrainian Language Arts (bilingual)
 - Ukrainian Language Arts, Kindergarten to Grade 9
 - Ukrainian Language Arts 10–20–30

Current provincial programs of study may be viewed and downloaded at www.education.gov.ab.ca/k_12/curriculum/bySubject/languages/default.asp.

Curriculum Handbooks for Parents and *Curriculum Summaries* contain information on subjects, programs and courses available in Alberta schools. For more information, visit www.education.gov.ab.ca/parents/handbooks.

Learning and Teaching Resources

To obtain copies of the Ukrainian authorized resource lists, visit www.education.gov.ab.ca/k_12/curriculum/bySubject/languages/default.asp.

The *Ukrainian Language and Culture Nine-year Program Guide to Implementation, Grade 4* is available at www.education.gov.ab.ca/k_12/curriculum/bysubject/languages/res_cd/main.html. Guides to implementation for the other programs of study are currently under development.

Two series may be of interest to Ukrainian bilingual teachers:

- NOVA, a Ukrainian Language Development Series (Grades 1–6)
- Collage, a Ukrainian Language Development Series (Grades 7–9)

Alberta Education's Authorized Resources Database is a searchable database of all authorized resources and may be viewed at www.education.gov.ab.ca/lrdb.

To order authorized learning and teaching resources, contact the Learning Resources Centre at www.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca.

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Assessment Support

Teachers may find the following assessment tools useful:

- benchmarks for grades 6, 9 and 12
- performance standards for Grade 4
- performance standards for Grade 5 (under development)
- classroom assessment materials for Grade 4
- classroom assessment materials for Grade 5 (under development)

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Additional Supports

The Ukrainian Language Education Consortium is a collaboration of school jurisdictions, post-secondary institutions and stakeholders involved in Ukrainian language education in Alberta. For more information, contact International Languages, Curriculum Branch, at (780) 427-2984 (toll-free within Alberta by dialling 310-0000 first).

Professional Development

Various professional development opportunities for language educators can be found at www.education.gov.ab.ca/languages/ProfDevl.asp.

Further information regarding language learning and professional development opportunities is available at www.education.gov.ab.ca/languages/EducatorOpportunities.pdf.

Language teachers with at least three years teaching experience in Alberta, who are planning to take a summer program of at least four weeks duration in a language or language-teaching methodology, may be interested in the Language Teacher Bursary Program. For more information, visit www.alis.gov.ab.ca/scholarships/info.asp?EK=874.

The Intercultural and Second Languages Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association has several Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that may interest language teachers. For more information, visit www.islc.teachers.ab.ca or contact Luba Eshenko (Chair) at Luba.eshenko@epsb.ca.

Student Learning Opportunities

Information regarding language learning opportunities for students is available at www.education.gov.ab.ca/languages/StudentOpportunities.pdf.