

### Online and Distributed Learning Supports and Resources

Alberta Education has provided several learning supports to ensure students have access to learning if they are away from their school setting. This is especially relevant information due to student absenteeism during the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 situation.

1. School authorities are able to access free distributed learning materials digitally through the Tools4Teachers.ca website.
2. Parents can work with children to support their learning using the resources available through government websites and those that may have been provided by the child's teacher, school or school authority.
3. Parents can purchase learning resources from the Learning Resources Centre.
4. Distributed learning opportunities may be available from distance learning providers such as the Alberta Distance Learning Centre, depending on the availability of resources and capacity of the provider.

#### **SUPPORT 1 - Digital Resource Support Available**

[www.tools4teachers.ca](http://www.tools4teachers.ca) - The Tools4Teachers website contains HTML files, PDF files, multimedia objects, video segments, audio clips, and other K -12 resources to download. These items can be used to support children's learning.

#### **SUPPORT 2 – Additional Supports:**

- [www.learnalberta.ca](http://www.learnalberta.ca) - The LearnAlberta website provides access to digital resources to support teaching and learning. Students and parents can enter the site with full access to all resources, using the jurisdiction's username and password. Parents and students can access almost the entire site when entering as a guest.
- [www.tools4teachers.ca](http://www.tools4teachers.ca) - The website consists of authorized distributed learning resources and digital learning objects that Alberta educators can use to assist them in the development of their own print and digital lessons. These resources and learning objects are based on the print resources produced by the Distributed Learning Branch.
- [www.education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/handbook.aspx](http://www.education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/handbook.aspx) - Curriculum Handbooks for Parents, Curriculum Summaries and Curriculum Express contain information for parents on subjects, programs and courses available in Alberta schools.

The sites listed below offer in-depth curricula information and specify what a student should know and be able to do by the end of each course.

English programming: [www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/program.aspx](http://www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/program.aspx)

French programming: [www.education.alberta.ca/francais.aspx](http://www.education.alberta.ca/francais.aspx)

### **SUPPORT 3: Learning Resources Centre**

- The [www.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca/pro/default.html](http://www.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca/pro/default.html) provides parents with access to purchase a wide array of learning and teaching resources that support the Alberta Curriculum and enhance learning in both the classroom and at home. Contact:

Learning Resources Centre (LRC)

12360-142 Street

Edmonton, Alberta T5L 4X9

Web site: [www.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca](http://www.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca)

E-mail: [lrccustserv@gov.ab.ca](mailto:lrccustserv@gov.ab.ca)

Telephone (780) 427-2767; Select Option 1-1 (Toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000)

Fax (780) 422-9750

- Specialized Services for Students with Visual Impairments - this site offers information on the range of specialized services to enhance access to learning resources for visually impaired students.

LRC home page: [www.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca](http://www.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca)

Telephone (780) 427-4681; Select Option 2 (Toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000)

Fax (780) 427-6683.

In addition to the above, when students are away from school for short periods of time:

- a. schools can provide support through homework being sent home or ongoing communication between home and school via phone calls, email, etc.
- b. students, in many schools, are able to access homework and assistance through the school's website.