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Career and Life Management (CALM)

CALM Program Update

Program of Studies

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Career and Technology Studies (CTS)

Authorized CTS Resources

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[Financial Management](#)
[Foods](#)

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CTS Contacts

For information about CTS in the English language, contact [Jan Mills](#) in Edmonton at 780-422-3275, fax 780-422-3745 or [Gary Bertrand](#) in Calgary at 403-297-5022, fax 403-297-3842.

For information about CTS in the French language, contact [Paul Pelchat](#) at 780-422-1987, fax 780-422-1947.

CTS Course Changes

Course Changes Effective September 2002

In response to feedback received, the following course changes will become effective in September 2002.

Career Transitions

Course Withdrawal:

- CTR1310: Career Directions—Foundations

CTR1310: Career Directions—Foundations will be withdrawn as a course in the Career Transitions strand as it is incorporated in the new Career and Life Management (CALM) course.

Communication Technology

New Courses:

- COM1210: Digital Imaging 1 (Introductory Level)
- COM2210: Digital Imaging 2 (Intermediate Level)
- COM3210: Digital Imaging 3 (Advanced Level)

The new digital imaging courses will enable students to apply recent developments in digital imaging technology to their communication projects. Designed to reflect emerging trends in the workplace, the new courses provide opportunities for students to acquire, edit, compose and manipulate digital images obtained from a camera and other sources. The courses provide an extension to competencies defined in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) curriculum.

Information Processing

Prerequisite Requirements:

Prerequisite requirements have been removed from INF2030: Keyboarding 2, INF2040: Keyboarding 3, INF3030: Keyboarding 4, INF3040: Keyboarding 5, and INF3050: Keyboarding 6.

New Courses:

- INF1210: Computer Science 1 (Introductory Level)
- INF2210: Computer Science 2 (Intermediate Level)
- INF3210: Computer Science 3 (Advanced Level)

The new computer science courses will enable students to develop skills relevant to a high growth area of our economy. With the implementation of computer science courses provincially, rather than as locally developed courses, students will have more equitable access to opportunities to develop these skill sets. The new courses address a need identified by post-secondary partners for more consistent standards of literacy in computer science.

New Courses:

- INF2220: Object-oriented Programming 1 (Intermediate Level)
- INF3220: Object-oriented Programming 2 (Advanced Level)
- INF3230: Dynamic Data Structures 1 (Advanced Level)
- INF3240: Dynamic Data Structures 2 (Advanced Level)

The new programming courses address the need for additional courses that reflect the programming practices and competencies currently required in the Information Processing strand. The field validation of these courses began in September 2000 and was extended to the following year to address any possible overlap and linkages with the new computer science courses—INF1210, INF2210 and INF3210—noted above.

Career Initiatives

2002 Alberta Tech Prep Seminar

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English Language Arts

English Language Arts CD-ROM

Alberta Learning has developed a CD-ROM for grades 5 to 12 students, entitled *Researching and Making Presentations: Grades 5 to 12*. This CD-ROM is now available for purchase from the [Learning Resources Centre \(LRC\)](#). View [information and the order form](#) for this new resource.

Senior High School Update

Program of Studies and Guide to Implementation

Revisions to the *Program of Studies for Senior High School English Language Arts*, Interim 2001, are presently being finalized, and the Interim 2002 draft will be sent to schools in August along with the *Guide to Implementation: Grade 10 and 11 English Language Arts*, September 2002 Draft.

Resources

For a listing of newly authorized senior high school English language arts resources, view the [English Language Arts Grades 10 to 12 Alberta Authorized Resources List](#), January 2002 draft.

Phase two of the English language arts review of learning and teaching resources, which will focus primarily on Grade 12 resources, is scheduled for the fall of 2002, with the new list of authorized resources scheduled to be released in January 2003.

For more information about English language arts, contact [Janet Hancock](#) at 780-422-0769.

French as a Second Language

Programs of Study

Orientation sessions on changes to the junior high and senior high school program of studies will be offered this fall. Information regarding these sessions will be sent to schools in early September 2002.

During August 2002, a new program of studies for K-6 will be developed. Elementary teachers will have the opportunity to react to a draft of this document in the late fall. The fall editions of *Connection: Information for Teachers* will include information on how teachers can provide input on this new program of studies.

Authorized Resources

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[Grade 7-Grade 9](#)
[Grade 10-Grade 12](#)

For more information regarding the French as a second language program, contact [Lisa Caouette](#) at 780-427-2940.

French Immersion

Career and Life Management (CALM)

Implementation Delay

Provincial implementation of the revised French CALM program in schools offering a Francophone program or an alternative French program, including immersion, will take place in September 2003.

This one-year delay will provide the time to translate the student and teacher resources authorized for this program (*Life Choices*).

For more information on the French Career and Life Management program, contact [Christine Bouchard](#) at 780-427-2940.

Health and Life Skills

Implementation Delay

Provincial implementation of the revised French Health and Life Skills Kindergarten to Grade 9 program in schools offering a Francophone program or an alternative French program, including immersion, will take place in September 2003.

This one-year delay will provide the time to translate and adapt the guide to implementation. The French version of the program will soon be posted on the Alberta Learning Web site. A print copy will be sent to schools by September 2002.

Teachers who are considering an early implementation of the French version of this program are encouraged to visit the [Health Canada](#) Web site which supports the program goals and objectives.

For more information on the French Health and Life Skills program, contact [Christine Bouchard](#) at 780-427-2940.

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Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

Support Documents

Two documents, [Orientations en TIC pour l'immersion française](#) and [Orientations for ICT in French Immersion Schools](#), were distributed to schools in April. They contain valuable information to assist school administrators and teachers in implementing the ICT outcomes in schools offering instruction in the French language. Supplementary copies may be purchased from the [Learning Resources Centre \(LRC\)](#).

Summer Workshop

The [Edmonton Regional Consortium](#) will hold a [workshop](#) for teachers and administrators of schools offering a Francophone program or an alternative French program, including immersion. This workshop will be held at École J. H. Picard School in Edmonton on August 20-22, 2002.

For more information regarding the French ICT program, contact [Alain Nogue](#) or [Denise Stocco](#) at 780-427-2940.

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October 2002 Leadership Conference

Plan now to attend the [third and concluding conference](#) in a series dedicated to effective decision making for French immersion programs. It will be held at The Lodge at Kananaskis on October 6 to 8, 2002.

This conference is specifically designed for education leaders: trustees, superintendents and school administrators. Sessions, all of which are in English, will focus on the potential of French immersion for all Alberta students, within several dimensions, such as the development of French language skills, the learning of additional languages, personal development and preparation for lifelong learning and the global economy.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with your peers and learn from the experiences of other jurisdictions.

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Teacher Bursaries

Bursaries to meet part or all of the expenses incurred to attend conferences or take evening or summer courses are available to all teachers who teach French as a first or second language in Alberta. [View information regarding these bursaries.](#)

For more information regarding these bursaries, contact [Carole Pelé](#) at 780-427-2940.

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Fourth National Immunization Poster Competition

The Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control (CIDPC) and the Canadian Immunization Awareness Program (CIAP) invite Grade 6 students to take part in the upcoming Fourth National Immunization Poster Competition to be held in conjunction with the Canadian National Immunization Conference.

The competition will be open to students registered in Grade 6 for the 2002-2003 school year. Participants will be asked to submit an 11" x 17" colour poster. The poster, which may include some form of slogan and may be either hand drawn or painted, must demonstrate an understanding of immunization and/or vaccine-preventable childhood diseases. Participants will be required to sign a waiver to give Health Canada and the other member organizations of the CIAP the right to use the posters freely for immunization awareness promotional endeavours.

The competition will commence at the beginning of the school year in September 2002. The CIAP has created a lesson plan that teachers may use to help students learn about the importance of immunization and the realities of vaccine-preventable diseases. The poster competition will be an integral part of this plan, making it a valuable lesson and a fun way to learn. Once the posters are received, they will be judged, and a Grand National Winner, a runner-up and a finalist from each province/territory will be announced.

Approximately 210 of the posters, including the finalists and runners-up, will be displayed in a poster art gallery at the Canadian National Immunization Conference in Victoria from December 1 to 3, 2002. It is anticipated that the Grand National Winner will be presented with his/her prize on the opening day of the conference. The first prize package will include round trip airfare and accommodation at The Fairmont Empress for the weekend, for the winner and a guardian. Other prizes are still to be determined.

The lesson plan, promotional materials and entry forms will be distributed to schools at the beginning of September 2002.

Visit the [Canadian Immunization Awareness Program \(CIAP\)](#) Web site to find:

- the year 2000 poster competition winners
- a copy of the 2000 lesson plans, word puzzle and story to be read to Grade 6 classes
- online information regarding the importance of immunization.

For more information, contact [Josée Sisson](#), Coordinator, National Immunization Poster Competition, at 613-941-8924, fax 613-998-6413.

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Kindergarten to Grade 9 Program Update

Program of Studies

The new Health and Life Skills Kindergarten to Grade 9 Program of Studies will be provincially implemented in September 2002. Thirty teachers, chosen to represent diversity in Alberta schools, participated in a field validation of the program of studies and the draft guide to implementation during the 2001-2002 school year.

Support for Implementation

During the 2001-2002 school year, each school jurisdiction in the province identified at least one individual to serve as a Curriculum Facilitator for the jurisdiction to assist with the implementation of the new program of studies. Training sessions have taken place in each of the zones across the province. Community partners, representatives of government organizations and other stakeholders were also invited to these zone meetings to assist with local implementation.

Guide to Implementation

The *Health and Life Skills Kindergarten to Grade 9 Guide to Implementation* has been developed to support teachers with the implementation of the new program. It contains information on comprehensive school health, establishing a positive climate, planning instruction, instructional strategies and assessment. There are illustrative examples for each of the specific outcomes. These examples include learning and assessment activities, teacher background information and community connections. The guide to implementation is scheduled to be available for purchase from the [Learning Resources Centre \(LRC\)](#) in August 2002.

Authorized Resources

View the February 2002 draft of the [Health and Life Skills Kindergarten to Grade 9 Authorized Alberta Resource List](#). This list of newly authorized learning and teaching resources is organized by grade; it includes information on which of the three general

outcomes each resource supports and includes purchasing information. An updated resource list for [Health and Life Skills](#) is scheduled to be available in August 2002.

Annotations for the authorized resources are in development; the first draft of this annotated listing is scheduled to be posted on the Alberta Learning Web site by June 2002. The alphabetical list of annotations will provide bibliographic information, a summary of the content, comments about sensitive issues and purchasing information for each resource. Recommended grade levels, general outcomes and specific outcomes will also be identified for each resource. A second draft of the annotated listing is scheduled to be available in the fall.

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Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

Basic Learning Division Responsible for ICT Program of Studies

Effective April 1, 2002, responsibility for the Information and Communication Technology Kindergarten to Grade 12 Program of Studies has been transferred from the Stakeholder Technology Task Group (STTG) to the

Basic Learning Division of Alberta Learning. This demonstrates Alberta Learning's commitment to ICT integration across the curricula.

The Curriculum Branch and French Language Services Branch will be responsible for infusing ICT outcomes into the programs of study. The Learning and Teaching Resources Branch will be responsible for embedding ICT outcomes in implementation guides, where appropriate, and identifying ICT requirements in Calls for Resources and Requests for Proposals. STTG will support the Basic Learning Division with the infusion, implementation and evergreening of ICT across curricula. STTG will also continue to provide leadership and assistance with respect to technology planning, policy development, SuperNet, research and best practices, and will continue to coordinate stakeholder involvement in technology issues for the ministry.

For further information about implementation of the ICT program of studies, view the [ICT Contacts list](#).

International Languages

Authorized Resources

Spanish Language Arts

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[Kindergarten-Grade 3](#)

Learning Resources Centre (LRC)

LRC 2002 Junior High Science Grade 9 Aggregate Order Discount (AOD) Program

Orders placed with the LRC prior to July 1, 2002, for new Grade 9 junior high school science resources will receive a 7.5% savings on selected English language editions. The eligible resources are:

- [ScienceFocus Grade 9 Student Text](#) (McGraw Hill Ryerson Ltd.)
- [Science in Action Grade 9 Student Text, Teacher's Package, Transparencies, and Computerized Testbanks](#) (Pearson Education Canada)

Visit our new [Web site](#) for enhanced, user-friendly access to LRC products and services.

Mathematics

Authorized Resources

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[Applied Mathematics 30](#)

Elementary Mathematics Update

The online [Elementary Mathematics Resource \(Grade 6\)](#) is a valuable resource for teachers, students and parents as it contains concept lessons for most of the outcomes for Grade 6 mathematics. This online resource

may be used by students for practice and review of mathematics concepts and in preparation for the Grade 6 Achievement Test.

For more information, contact [Debbie Duvall](#) at 780-422-3257.

Senior High School Update

Program Implementation—September 2002

Ministerial approval has been granted to the following mathematics programs of study: Applied Mathematics 10-20-30 and Pure Mathematics 10-20-30 (including revisions to Pure Mathematics 30). These programs will be provincially implemented in September 2002. A revised Mathematics Preparation 10 Program of Studies is also scheduled for provincial implementation in September 2002.

Beginning in the 2002-2003 school year, students can no longer register for Mathematics 33 unless they have special written permission from the Director of the Curriculum Branch, Alberta Learning. Mathematics 30 is no longer available.

Revisions to Pure Mathematics 30

On the basis of an extensive consultation process, a consensus was reached among five committees to cut 12 hours of material from Pure Mathematics 30. As a result, seven specific outcomes were deleted and nine were modified. Review the [Summary of Changes to Pure Mathematics 30](#) to see which specific outcomes were deleted and which were modified, and to see the corresponding rationale for the deletion or modification of these outcomes.

Mathematics 14

Provincial implementation of Mathematics 14 has been delayed to the 2003-2004 school year. The [revised program for Mathematics 14](#) is available for optional implementation in September 2002.

The student text and teacher guide for Mathematics 14 are currently in development. The student text, [Continuum, Student Resource](#), is scheduled to be available from the Learning Resources Centre (LRC) by September 2, 2002. The teacher guide, [Continuum, Teacher's Resource Manual](#), is scheduled to be available from the LRC by September 30, 2002. The LRC is now accepting orders for these resources.

For more information about senior high school mathematics, contact [Katie Pallos-Haden](#) at 780-422-3220.

Other News

Implementation Schedule for Programs of Study and Related Activities (March 2002)

View the revised [Implementation Schedule for Programs of Study and Related Activities \(March 2002\)](#) for updated information regarding program implementation dates and resource availability.

Physical Education

ATA Health and Physical Education Council Conference

The ATA Health and Physical Education Council (HPEC) Conference, held in conjunction with the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD), was held in Banff on May 9-11, 2002. Over 1000 delegates attended from Alberta, across Canada and as far away as Australia, Sweden and Hong Kong. Over 100 sessions and workshops were held, and many of the presenters' handouts can be found at the [conference Web site](#).

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CPR in Physical Education 10

Many school jurisdictions throughout the province are now piloting the CPR outcomes within the Physical Education 10 program. Teacher training has occurred throughout the province, with more training scheduled for the fall of 2002. Alberta Learning continues to support this program with the assistance of the Advanced Cardiac Treatment (ACT) Foundation as well as various other stakeholders in Alberta. The CPR outcomes will become mandatory within the Physical Education 10 program in September 2006.

For more information regarding the CPR implementation, contact [Joy Taylor](#) at 403-297-7911.

Physical Education Online

The Physical Education Online Web site is a teacher resource to support implementation of the K-12 physical education program. The site now includes an [overview](#), which provides a "tour" of some of the highlights of this web-based resource.

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Professional Development and Certification

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The [six regional professional development consortia](#) continue to offer a variety of professional development initiatives for teachers, administrators, parents and support staff across the province. Exciting opportunities for professional development continue over the spring and summer. For more information about the programs offered in your area, please contact your regional consortium.

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Science

Authorized Resources

Review new resources authorized between March 16, 2002 and May 30, 2002.

[Kindergarten-Grade 3](#)
[Grade 4-Grade 6](#)
[Grade 7-Grade 9](#)

Grades 7-9 Science

Revisions to the junior high school science program began with optional implementation of the revised [Science Grades 7-8 Program of Studies](#) in September 2001. Provincial implementation of this program begins in September 2002. A revised [Science Grade 9 Program of Studies](#) (2002) has been authorized for optional implementation in September 2002 and provincial implementation in September 2003.

Authorized resources to support grades 7-8 science are listed in this edition of *Connection: Information for Teachers* and in recent editions. Basic student resources and authorized teaching resources for the revised Grade 9 Science program are as follows:

- [Science in Action 9](#) (student text)
- [ScienceFocus 9](#) (student text)
- [Science in Action 9: Teacher Resource Package](#)
- [ScienceFocus 9: Teacher's Resource](#) [Authorization Pending]

Further titles for grades 7-9 science are under review and will be announced in the fall 2002 editions of this newsletter. Information on the Junior High Science Grade 9 Aggregate Order Discount Program is available in the [Learning Resources Centre section](#) of this newsletter.

For more information regarding grades 7-9 science, contact [Stella Shrum](#) at 780-422-3219 or [Bernie Galbraith](#) at 780-422-3218.

Science 14-24

A revised [Science 14 Program of Studies](#) (2002) has been authorized for provincial implementation in September 2002. Basic student and authorized teaching resources for Science 14 are as follows:

- [Science.Connect 1](#) (student text) [Authorization Pending]
- [Science.Connect 1: Teacher's Resource](#) (on CD-ROM) [Authorization Pending]

Further resources will be reviewed this summer and announced in the upcoming editions of this newsletter.

The [Science 24 resource development draft](#) of the program of studies and the draft resources will be field validated in selected schools in September 2002.

For more information regarding Science 14-24, contact [Stella Shrum](#) at 780-422-3219.

Sky Scan Science Awareness Project

The Edmonton Area Radio Astronomy Group invites participation in a Sky Scan Science Awareness Project. The project is being designed to support learning outcomes in the Space Exploration unit and other units of the [revised Grade 9 Science program](#). A pilot version of the project will be open to teachers and students in the Edmonton area in the 2002-2003 school year. In further years, the project will be open to classes throughout Alberta.

The project brings together several of the core topics that are included in the new curriculum, including space, radio, waves and remote sensing. Students participating in this project will collect and analyze astronomical data on meteors through a radio detection process. Collected results from participating schools in Alberta will be pooled and made available through a Web site. A digitally-tuned FM radio receiver; a simple antenna, which can either be bought or easily built; and the capacity to link up to an in-school computer are required for data collection. There is no cost for instruction and support.

Classes participating in the pilot project will receive in-class instruction from a project educator, as well as help with installation and troubleshooting problems. Additional information and access to project mentors will be provided through the Web site and by e-mail.

Teachers interested in participating in the pilot project are encouraged to [e-mail the project office](#). Further information is available at the [project Web site](#); follow the link through Sky Scan.

The Sky Scan project was conceived in 1999 by the Edmonton Area Radio Astronomy Group. Support for the project is being provided by the Edmonton Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the University of Alberta. The University of Alberta's Department of Physics is the lead sponsor and is providing administrative, technical and facilities support. A brief article on the Sky Scan project can be found in the May 3, 2002 edition of [Folio](#), a University of Alberta publication.

The Alberta Learning liaison for this project is [Bernie Galbraith](#). He can be reached at 780-422-3218.

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Social Studies

Development of Alberta Program of Studies for Social Studies K-12

In response to the feedback received from education partners during consultations over the last several months, Alberta Learning will take the following actions related to the continued development of the Alberta Program of Studies for Social Studies, Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Revision of Timelines

Alberta Learning will revise the timelines and implementation schedules for development of the new Program of Studies for Social Studies, Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Previously Approved Schedule for Provincial Implementation	Revised Schedule for Provincial Implementation
2005 – K-10	2005 – 7
2006 – 11	2006 – K-3, 8, 10
2007 – 12	2007 – 4-6, 9, 11
	2008 – 12

The revised implementation schedule supports balanced implementation of curriculum for Kindergarten to Grade 12. The revised implementation schedule addresses the concerns of educational stakeholders in the following key areas:

- In grades 9 and 12, students will have taken the new program for three years before writing the provincial achievement test and diploma examination.
- The revisions allow for additional time to consult and develop the 10-12 program, as well as to develop French language and distance learning resources.

- Sufficient time will be available to field test achievement tests and diploma examinations.
- The revisions allow for increased opportunities for professional development to increase the awareness of the key changes to the program of studies; e.g., inclusion of Aboriginal and Francophone perspectives.
- School jurisdictions will be able to better plan and budget for the purchase of basic and support resources for each grade.

Consultations

Alberta Learning will continue to seek input from educational partners and stakeholders during the drafting of the Program of Studies for Social Studies, Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Kindergarten to Grade 9

The consultation draft of the program of studies for Kindergarten to Grade 9 is scheduled to be posted on the Alberta Learning Web site, in English, in June 2002. A French translation of the draft is scheduled to be available in September 2002. Copies of the draft program for Kindergarten to Grade 9 and response feedback forms are scheduled to be sent to all education partners, stakeholders and school jurisdictions in June 2002.

Alberta Learning will hold provincewide consultations on the draft program of studies for Kindergarten to Grade 9 from September 2002 to October 2002. Information regarding specific dates and times will be sent to all education partners, stakeholders and school jurisdictions in August 2002.

Grades 10-12

From October 2001 to January 2002, Alberta Learning held consultations with education partners and stakeholders throughout the province, including in Aboriginal and Francophone communities, regarding the senior high school program. During these consultations, individuals completed a needs assessment questionnaire and provided feedback to Alberta Learning on future directions for the development of the senior high school social studies program of studies.

The senior high school needs assessment questionnaire was also posted on the Alberta Learning Web site and was distributed to school jurisdictions throughout the province, to educational partners and to the membership of the Alberta Teachers' Association Social Studies Specialist Council. To date, Alberta Learning has received over 1600 responses to the questionnaire.

A summary report on the needs assessment questionnaire is scheduled to be posted on the Alberta Learning Web site, in English, in June 2002. Alberta Learning will continue to seek input on the senior high school program from key stakeholders and partners as the program development continues. It is anticipated that a draft of the senior high school program will be available for provincewide consultation in the spring of 2003.

Other Linkages

Alberta Learning will continue to initiate consultation with post-secondary institutions, cultural/multicultural groups, regional consortia and internal partners on the program of studies for Kindergarten to Grade 12. Creating linkages with these groups supports Alberta Learning's collaborative process for program development.

Program Emphasis

The new Program of Studies for Social Studies, Kindergarten to Grade 12 focuses on citizenship and identity and embeds diverse cultural perspectives, including Aboriginal and Francophone culture and history. Canadian and world history, local government, economics, agriculture, and environmental issues will continue to be components of the program.

The Alberta program of studies meets the diverse needs of Alberta students and takes into consideration feedback received during consultations with education partners and stakeholders. The program also takes into

consideration the vision and philosophy of the *Western Canadian Protocol (WCP) Common Curriculum Framework for Social Studies, Kindergarten to Grade 9*.

The new program of studies will help students analyze and consider ideas, events and issues from multiple perspectives to ensure that they are well informed and able to meet the challenges of a complex and ever-changing world.

The Alberta senior high school social studies program will ensure that the course equivalent to the current Social Studies 30 will prepare students to meet requirements for university entrance. The program will also ensure that the course equivalent to the current Social Studies 33 will prepare students to meet senior high school graduation requirements and be recognized by those post-secondary programs that currently require Social Studies 33 as a prerequisite.

Communication with Publishers

A workshop held on January 17, 2002, provided an opportunity for publishers and multimedia developers to engage in dialogue with Alberta Learning and discuss project timelines. Alberta Learning will include the requirements for digital components in all calls for resources in social studies.

Members of the [Social Studies Project Team](#) have been meeting with publishers, keeping them informed as to the direction of the new social studies program of studies. A key component of the curriculum development and implementation plan is the development of high quality K-12 resources, in both English and French, to correspond with provincial implementation. Publishers are eager for information so that they can move forward in developing high quality resources for Alberta.

For more information on K-12 social studies, contact [Pat Lychak](#) at 780-422-3217.

Testing

2002 Provincial Achievement Tests

The achievement tests scheduled for May/June 2002 will be administered on the published dates. As in the past, the language arts tests will include written-response as well as machine-scorable questions. A letter was sent to superintendents and principals in April, requesting nominations of teachers to mark the achievement tests.

For more information, contact [Gilbert Guimont](#) at 780-427-0010.

June 2002 Diploma Examinations

The diploma examinations scheduled for June 2002 will be administered on the published dates. All the examinations will include both written-response and machine-scorable items. A letter was sent to superintendents and principals in April, requesting nominations of teachers to mark these diploma examinations.

For more information, contact [Jo-Anne Hug](#) (humanities diploma examinations) or [Phill Campbell](#) (mathematics/sciences diploma examinations) at 780-427-0010.