

The Heart of the Matter

Character and Citizenship Education
in Alberta Schools

Character and citizenship education is part of every subject; it is not a separate program or course of study. It begins on the first day of school with the very first teacher in the very first classroom. It involves everything that happens at the classroom level, school level and jurisdictional level.

This teaching resource provides information that schools and jurisdictions can use to support and enhance character and citizenship education initiatives. It offers ideas and sample strategies for:

- Developing a framework
- Choosing approaches
- Assessing initiatives
- Building positive school cultures
- Selecting resources
- Enhancing co- and extracurricular activities
- Reinforcing learning outcomes across subject area through character and citizenship education
- Planning for bullying prevention
- Involving parents
- Building community partnerships
- Choosing instructional strategies
- Building school capacity.