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Elevate 2008

Alberta Education hosted ELEVATE 2008 in Banff on August 24 to 27, 2008.



ELEVATE|2008

Delegates from Alberta, Canada, the United States, Ireland, Australia and Saudi Arabia participated in the four-day conference that was opened by Education Minister Dave Hancock. This innovative conference celebrated Alberta's success and looked towards reaching new heights in educational videoconferencing.

ELEVATE 2008 featured renowned speakers from around the world and included 18 live videoconference sessions that connected the delegates in Banff to places such as Hong Kong and Australia. Delegates included teachers, principals, technical staff, professional development providers, and administrators. Sessions featured videoconference content providers, best practices for using technology in the classroom, and discussions on the technology trends that will impact education.

More information on ELEVATE 2008 is available at <http://www.vcalberta.ca/elevate2008/>.

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Call for Proposals - Supporting Innovative Classrooms

Alberta Education is seeking proposals to research innovative practices in the areas of leadership development for the effective use of technology and technology management in Alberta school jurisdictions. This Call for Proposals supports recent investments in school technology, including three-year funding for Innovative Classrooms announced in Budget 2008 and funding for technology infrastructure and classroom technology announced in January 2008.

This Call for Proposals is open to all fully publicly funded school jurisdictions and charter authorities. The deadline for submissions is Monday, October 27, 2008 at 12:00 Noon. A copy of the Call is available online at <http://education.alberta.ca/admin/technology/classrooms.aspx>.

For more information on the Call for Proposals, please contact Marilyn Steier, Education Manager – Leadership Development, Stakeholder Technology Branch at Marilyn.Steier@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 780-415-0839 (toll-free by dialing 310-0000 first).

Digital Textbook Repository Now Available for Students with Special Education Needs

Alberta Education can now provide digital versions of textbooks for students with special education needs. The secure online repository houses basic textbooks for Grade 4 to 12 students in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The PDF files can be downloaded and used with text-to-speech software. The repository addresses the needs of Alberta students who have disabilities related to accessing print materials.

Because of copyright restrictions, the files are only for the use of students who have an Individualized Program Plan, are registered in the related course and have a print copy of the related textbook. A new four-page tip sheet for using the repository is available at <http://www.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca/pdf/Digr-Info-Flyer.pdf>.

For further information, please contact Catherine Walker, Resource Manager, Learning and Teaching Resources Branch, by e-mail at

Catherine.Walker@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 780-422-0988 (toll-free by dialing 310-0000 first).

Educational Technology Council of the ATA Edna Dach Educator of the Year Award Recipient

Brian Cleary has been named the 2008 recipient of the Edna Dach Educator of the Year Award by the Educational Technology Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Brian has provided Alberta teachers with unprecedented support in the field of technology integration since the 1980s, in his schools and districts and in his leadership role within the 2Learn Education Society from 1997 until his retirement in June 2008.

More information is available on the [ETCATA website](#)

Distributed Learning Strategy Update

Since April 2008, the project team, expert working groups and steering committee for Alberta's Distributed Learning Strategy have been involved in a comprehensive public involvement process to gather information on:

- The current state of distributed learning in Alberta;
- Perceptions and emerging trends in this area; and
- Possible futures for distributed learning in Alberta.

Details regarding information collected during the Discover Phase are made available on an ongoing basis through the [Distributed Learning Forum Online Community](#).

Preparations are now underway for the Alberta ECS-12 Distributed Learning Forum, to be held online from October 20 to November 3, 2008, and live in various locations across the province on November 4, 2008. Interested participants are encouraged to register for the November 4, 2008 forum and to participate in online discussions through the [Distributed Learning Forum Online Community](#). A copy of the Alberta ECS-12

Distributed Learning Forum brochure is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Jurisdiction Technology Contact Events 2008/2009

Registration for JTC events is open to Jurisdiction Technology Contacts only.

- November 21, 2008, at the Greenwood Inn in Calgary. Registration will open on October 10, 2008.
- May 13, 2009 (Edmonton)

Synergy 2008

The Alberta Technology Leaders in Education (ATLE) Annual Conference will be held from November 5 to 7, 2008 at the Capri Centre in Red Deer. For more information and to register for the conference, please visit ATLE's website at www.atle.ca

LearnAlberta.ca Update

The pre-launch version of <http://new.learnalberta.ca> is now available. Starting in September 2008, all new resources will be launched on this site. The old LearnAlberta.ca will continue to function for the fall to ensure a smooth transition for those who rely on the website.

New and Updated Resources on
<http://new.learnalberta.ca>

Math Resources

Mathématiques Plan de leçon pour la maternelle

Pour chacun des résultats d'apprentissage spécifique du nouveau programme d'étude de mathématiques de maternelle, vous trouverez un plan de leçon à titre d'exemple pour enseigner ce résultat.

Mathématiques Plan de leçon pour la première année

Pour chacun des résultats d'apprentissage spécifique

du nouveau programme d'étude de mathématiques de la première année, vous trouverez un plan de leçon à titre d'exemple pour enseigner ce résultat.

Mathématiques Plan de leçon pour la quatrième année

Pour chacun des résultats d'apprentissage spécifique du nouveau programme d'étude de mathématiques de la quatrième année, vous trouverez un plan de leçon à titre d'exemple pour enseigner ce résultat.

Mathématiques Plan de leçon pour la septième année

Pour chacun des résultats d'apprentissage spécifique du nouveau programme d'étude de mathématiques de la septième année, vous trouverez un plan de leçon à titre d'exemple pour enseigner ce résultat.

Please note: World of skills will be located under health resources for grades 8 and 9 and CTS resources for grade 10.

World Of Skills (Grades 8, 9, and 10)

Skills competitors demonstrate high standards of skill, competence and excellence. Video clips feature contests in auto body repair; auto service; baking; cabinet making; carpentry; culinary arts; graphic design; hairstyling; IT network support; IT software applications; mechanical CADD; precision machining; Web site development; welding; and women's apparel design. Profiles of contestants identify training and educational requirements associated with different occupations.

Monde des métiers (8^e, 9^e, 10^e années)

Les élèves exploreront le monde des concours de compétences afin de découvrir comment ces concours peuvent déclencher des occasions de développer leurs compétences à un niveau reconnu à l'échelle mondiale. Les métiers disponibles à l'exploration sont les suivants : couture dames; coiffure; conception de sites Web; TI - soutien réseaux; techniques d'usinage; robotique; mécanique automobile; ébénisterie; cuisine; dessin industriel : CDAO; charpenterie; soudage; tôlerie-carrosserie; pâtisserie; infographie.

Online Reference Centre

The following new databases have been added to the Online Reference Centre. Sign-in required.

Canadian Points of View *Grades 7-12*: Use this database to find information addressing multiple points of view on over 200 current social issues with a Canadian perspective. Search for magazine & newspaper articles, radio & TV news transcripts, primary source documents, images, video clips & web links.

NoveList Plus *Grades 9-12*: This resource contains information on fiction and non-fiction books & authors of interest to older teen readers. Look here for author biographies, recommended reads, new books, genre outlines, book discussion guides, author-read-alikes & feature articles on books & authors.

NoveList Plus K-8 *Grades K-8*: This resource has information on fiction & non-fiction books and authors for children & young teens. Check here to learn about your favorite author, series books, picture books, new books, and recommended books & authors.

Canadian Reference Centre *Grades 7-12*: Use this database to locate current information from Canadian magazines & newspapers; CBC radio & TV transcripts, Canadian Global Almanac, Gage Canadian Dictionary & Thesaurus. This resource also contains reference books, biographies, images, maps and flags from Canadian & international sources.

Advanced Placement Source *Grades 10-12, AP & IB*: Use this database to locate academic articles in multiple areas of study including mathematics; physics; chemistry; biology; computer science; human geography; psychology; economics & statistics; government & politics; environmental science; U.S., European & world history; arts & music. Search results include images, maps, flags & web links.



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