

Alberta Schools
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QK1.
Base=Kids under 18
Multi-choice

Does your child or do your children attend any of the following educational options in Alberta? Please select any that apply to your child/children.

English public school
Catholic public school
French public school
Public alternative school (religious / language program)
Public charter school
Religious private / independent school
Non-religious private / independent school
Home school
Other type of school (Specify):
None of the Above [Exclusive]

Q1. [T]
Base=All
Single choice

Thinking about the quality of **public education** in Alberta today compared with when you yourself were in school, would you say it is...

Much better now
A bit better now
About the same
A bit worse now
Much worse now
Not sure

Q2.
Base=All
Grid

What are your perceptions of the quality of Alberta education options? Please rate the following:

English Public school
Catholic public school
French public school
Public alternative school (religious / language program)

Public charter school
Religious private / independent school
Non-religious private / independent school
Home school

Very high quality
High quality
Low quality
Very low quality
Not sure

Q3.

Base=All

Single choice

In general, do you think having a variety of options for K-12 education in Alberta, including public schools, Catholic public schools, French public schools, home education, charter schools and private/independent schools, is a strength, weakness or neither of Alberta's educational system?

Strength
Weakness
Neither a strength nor a weakness
Not sure/ Can't say

Q4.

Base=All

Single choice

Currently, private/independent schools receive operational funding per student from the Alberta government at about 30% less than the per-student funding that goes to public schools. Do you think they should...

Receive more public funding than they do now
Receive about the same
Receive less public funding than they do now
Receive no public funding at all
Not sure/ Can't say

Q5.

Base=All

Single choice

Some people argue that private/independent schools save the government money because they receive less public funding per student to educate Albertan children. Other people argue that private/independent schools take away resources that should be going to public schools.

How about you? Which of these two statements is closer to your view:

[Rotate top two]

Private/independent schools save the government money because they receive less per-student operational funding than public schools

Private/independent schools take away resources that should be going to public schools

Not sure/ Can't say

Q6.

Base=All

Single choice

Currently, public charter schools receive equal per-student funding from the Alberta government for operational expenses. Do you think they should...

Receive more public funding than they do now

Receive about the same

Receive less public funding than they do now

Receive no public funding at all

Not sure/ Can't say

Q7.

Base=All

Grid

In the following cases, if a parent decides that a private/independent school best suits their child's particular needs, do you support or oppose government funding going to the school for...

A child with special needs attending that school

A child from a low-income family attending that school

A child from a medium-income family attending that school

A child from a high-income family attending that school

Strongly support

Support

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Not sure/ Can't say

Q8.

Base=All

Grid

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following:

All Alberta students should have government-funded access to the type of education that best suits their individual needs

Alberta's charter and private/independent schools play an important role in meeting Albertan student needs

Alberta has a strong and healthy public education system

The government of Alberta should expand access to educational opportunities within public schools.

The government of Alberta should expand access to educational opportunities outside of public schools

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Not sure/ Can't say

QP7.

BASE = ALL

SINGLE SELECT

One final question for you, who did you vote for in the last [Province] provincial election in [Month of Year]?

[RANDOMIZE]

Liberal Party **[AB] [SK] [MB] [ON] [QC] [PEI] [NB] [NS] [NL]**

Saskatchewan Party **[SK]**

Progressive Conservative Party **[MB] [ON] [PEI] [NB] [NS] [NL]**

Conservative Party **[QC][BC]**

New Democratic Party (NDP) **[BC] [AB] [SK] [MB] [ON] [PEI] [NB] [NS] [NL]**

Green Party **[BC] [AB] [SK] [MB] [ON] [QC] [PEI] [NB] [NS]**

United Conservative Party **[AB]**

Alberta Party **[AB]**

Coalition Avenir Québec **[QC]**

Parti Québécois **[QC]**

Québec Solidaire **[QC]**

People's Alliance **[NB]**

Other party

I did not vote

I can't remember

Variables

Last election: