



The Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association represents Catholic trustees in Alberta, Northwest Territories and Yukon.

ACSTA is committed to celebrating, preserving, promoting, and enhancing Catholic education. By providing spiritual and political leadership, we strive to advocate for publicly funded Catholic education with a unified voice.

Catholic Education in Alberta: Key Messages

Alberta has one of the best education systems anywhere in the world. Let's acknowledge what makes it so uniquely successful - and protect parent choice! Parents want faith options for their children's education. Currently over 181,258 children in Alberta receive a high quality, publicly-funded Catholic education.

The facts show that publicly-funded Catholic education makes education stronger as a whole in the province. Catholic School Boards continue to demonstrate excellence in the following categories as evidenced by the Accountability Pillar and other assessment measures: Three year high school completion rate, dropout rates, Indigenous Education, Safe/Inclusive/Caring schools, student learning opportunities, parental involvement, preparation for lifelong learning, world of work preparation, and citizenship.

Catholic school Boards work hard to deliver cost effective, high quality teaching and education. At the same time, by working together in innovative ways, partners across Alberta's education system can realize even greater efficiencies and successes.

Catholic education is a unique partnership between the school, home, and parish. Together, this partnership seeks to develop a student's whole person by integrating academic excellence, social /emotional development, and faith formation. The central focus of Catholic education is learning about Jesus Christ and living in relationship to His teachings.

Although it is the Constitutional mandate of Catholic schools to provide Catholic education to Catholic students, non-Catholic students can, and are welcome to attend Catholic schools. Catholic schools welcome all faiths and backgrounds. Our schools provide faith based learning environment, where the teachings of Christ are central to the mission and vision of the educational experience.

Catholic education is rooted in the unwavering understanding that all children are God's children, created in his likeness and image, deserving of unconditional love and inherent dignity.

FACT ACSTA has 24 member boards serving 483 Catholic schools in Alberta, NWT and Yukon that provide a Catholic education to over 181,000 students.



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