

3.4 New Brunswick (NB)

Population: 755,464

Number of K-12 Schools: 314

Number of K-12 Students: 98,906

Number of K-12 E-Learning Programs: 2

Number of K-12 E-Learning Students: 2750



K-12 E-Learning Programs

Both the Anglophone and Francophone sectors of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development manage K –12 online learning programs. These programs service secondary students in New Brunswick in either of the province’s two official languages. During the 2014-15 school year there were approximately 1,800 students enrolled in the Anglophone program and 655 students enrolled in the Francophone program. In addition to these distance students, there were also 950 English and 4258 French face-to-face students registered in the learning management system using online courses in a more blended learning model under the direction of their local school’s classroom teachers.

Additionally, over the past two years there has been an increased focus placed on professional learning courses for educators and adult learners. Courses have focused on two main areas: Early Learning and Child Care and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The ASD course has been used by all four provinces in Atlantic Canada.

Governance and Regulation

There remains no specific legislation that governs K-12 distance education in New Brunswick. The system continues to operate based on collaboration between the Ministry of Education and individual school districts. The Ministry has published a policy handbook, different for both the English and French systems, that outlines the responsibilities of a variety of individuals at the Ministry, district and school level to ensure the orderly implementation of the distance education program. Interestingly, in addition to school officials such as a registrar and local site facilitator, there are specific responsibilities outlined for both distance education students and the parents of students who are enrolled in distance education programs.