

	<h2>Northwest Territories</h2>
<p>Population – 42,940 Total Area – 1,346,106 km² Population Density – 0.03 people/km² Capital (Population) – Yellowknife (18,700) Number of K-12 Schools – 49 (2009-10) Number of K-12 Students – 8,407 (2009-10)</p>	

The Northwest Territories is the oldest of the three territories, and it follows the same curriculum as the Province of Alberta, with some additions to address their distinct language and culture.

K-12 Online Learning

Category	Yes/No	Comments
Territory-led programme	No	
Other online programmes	No	Uses distance offerings from the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC)
Territorial-level policy	Yes	

Online Programmes

The only distance education programme within the Northwest Territories appears to be an online Northern Studies 10 course offered during the second semester through Aurora College (a local post-secondary institution in the Northwest Territories). Beyond this single course, the territorial Government signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* (MOU) with the ADLC in 2004 to provide print-based and online courses to students in the territory. According to the 2005 report *Towards Excellence: A Report on Education in the Northwest Territories*, from 2000 to 2005 there were a total of 329 course enrolments, with 106 students having passed their course, 77 having failed, and 146 having withdrawn.

Governance and Regulation

The *Education Act, 2009* allows various educational bodies to “authorise, supervise and evaluate the use of distance learning programmes in the provision of the education programme” (p. 72). In addition, the MOU outlines the specific responsibilities, duties and opportunities for both parties. Finally, Section 17 of the *Senior Secondary School Administrators’ Handbook* outlines a series of requirements for distance learning.

Schools are responsible for the course fees when a student enrolls in a distance education course, however, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment will reimburse schools upon a student’s successful completion of the course.