

	<h2>New Brunswick</h2>
<p>Population – 748,319          Total Area – 72,908 km<sup>2</sup>          Population Density – 10.26 people/km<sup>2</sup>          Capital (Population) – Fredericton (50,535)          Number of K–12 Schools – 321 (2010-11)          Number of K–12 Students – 104,421 (2010-11)          Number of K–12 Distance Education Programmes – 2          Number of K–12 Distance Education Students – 1,841</p>	

Category	Yes/No	Comments
Province-led programme	Yes	One English / One French
Other online programmes	No	
Provincial-level policy	Yes	Policy documents

## Distance Programmes

There are two online learning programmes in New Brunswick, one for the Anglophone school system and one for the Francophone school system, both of which use the same Ministry-hosted learning management system (LMS). The majority of distance education enrolments in the province are from supplemental students (i.e., students enrolled in a brick-and-mortar school who are taking one or more courses at a distance). Over the past two years, there has been a decline in the number of students who are enrolled in distance education in New Brunswick, which is reflective of the fact that the Ministry had to reduce the number of distance education courses offered because of the financial context. The Ministry also allows classroom teachers to use online courses with their face-to-face students. These students comprise approximately 40% of the student enrolments in the provincial LMS.

## Governance and Regulation

There remains no specific legislation that governs K–12 distance education in New Brunswick, and the system continues to operate based on collaboration between the Ministry of Education and individual school districts, using a Ministry-published policy handbook. The policy handbook outlines in a very specific fashion the responsibilities of a variety of individuals at the Ministry, district, and school level to ensure the orderly implementation of the distance education programme. 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 parents of students who are enrolled in distance education.