



## 4.12 Northwest Territories (NT)

Pop: 43,537

# K–12 Schools: 49

# K–12 Students: 8,300

# of K–12 DE Programmes: 3

# of K–12 DE Students: 267

From 2000 to 2005, the Department provided the funding for schools to enrol their students in distance education programmes from other jurisdictions. Beginning in 2006, the Department revised its policy to only provide funding for successful students. Since 2004, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment has had a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) for the provision of print-based and online distance education in the Northwest Territories. In recent years, various entities in the territories have also begun to undertake internal initiatives.

### ***Distance Programmes***

During the 2012–13 school year, there were 267 English and French students from the Northwest Territories enrolled in 441 distance education courses offered through the ADLC. Additionally, some individual education councils representing more remote communities have begun to create their own distance education programmes. For example, the Beaufort-Delta Education Council offered six courses to 24 students in the 2012–13 school year. Also, the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC) funded and managed Department-approved courses through the Sccyber E-learning Community (formerly Sunchild E-Learning Community).

### ***Governance and Regulation***

The *Education Act, 2009* allows various educational bodies to “authorize, supervise and evaluate the use of distance learning programmes in the provision of the education programme” (p. 72). Further, the 2004 MOU with the ADLC outlined specific responsibilities, duties and opportunities for both parties. Finally, Section 3.3 of the NWT School Handbook outlines a series of requirements for distance learning.