Nunavut

Population – 29,474
Total Area – 2,093,190 km²
Population Density – 0.014 people/km²
Capital (Population) – Iqaluit (6,184)
Number of K-12 Schools – 42 (2009-10)
Number of K-12 Students – 9038 (2009-10)

Nunavut is the newest and most easterly of Canada's three territories. Created from the Northwest Territories in 1999, it is the largest of Canada's provinces and territories. Nunavut has followed the curriculum of the Province of Alberta, but is gradually developing its own curriculum to reflect the Nunavut context of its students within the larger context of Canada.

K-12 Online Learning

Category	Yes/No	Comments
Territory-led programme	No	
Other online programmes	No	
Territorial-level policy	No	

Online Programmes

Nunavut does not have any active K-12 distance education programmes, however, the territory has piloted programmes in the past and has indicated that it has plans for future pilot projects.

The Alberta Distance Learning Centre continues to provide the majority of distance learning courses to Nunavut secondary students. These courses are largely print-based. Finally, some students will take distance learning courses from other jurisdictions, although they need to be approved by the Department as being equivalent in order to receive credit.

Governance and Regulation

When it was first created, Nunavut continued to utilise the *Education Act, 1996*, a piece of legacy legislation from the Northwest Territories. This legislation contained a provision that allowed various educational bodies to "authorise, supervise and evaluate the use of distance learning programmes in the provision of the education programme" (p. 58).

This was later replaced when the territory passed its own legislation. The only reference to distance education in the current Education Act, 2008 is a statement that a university providing "distance learning programmes by mail or by electronic means from outside Nunavut to persons in Nunavut" was not considered to be operating in the territory (p. 95).