



4.3 Prince Edward Island (PE)

Pop: 145,237

K–12 Schools: 63

K–12 Students: 20,406

of K–12 DE Programmes: 0

of K–12 DE Students: 62

Historically, Prince Edward Island had maintained its own K–12 distance education programme using a video conferencing system. Over the past decade, use of this programme decreased significantly. In fact, since the beginning of this study in 2008 the video conferencing system was used solely for the purpose of French-language courses. The 2010–11 school year was the final year that this system was within Prince Edward Island.

Distance Programmes

At present, there are no K–12 distance education programmes in Prince Edward Island. Through an inter-provincial agreement, students in Prince Edward Island have the ability to access online courses offered by the distance education programme offered by the New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. During the 2012–13 school year there were 16 French first language students and 46 English language students enrolled in online courses through this programme.

Governance and Regulation

Internal regulation continues to be driven by Ministerial Directives No. MD 2001–05 and No. MD 2008–05, which apply to courses delivered during the regular school day; broadly define distance education; and outline a series of beliefs about the nature of distance education instruction. Further, individual schools and districts that participate in distance education programmes must adhere to guidelines found in the provincial *Roles and Responsibilities for Distance Education* document.