

3.3 Prince Edward Island (PE)

Population: 145,211

Number of K-12 Schools: 63

Number of K-12 Students: 20,131

Number of K-12 E-Learning Programs: 0

Number of K-12 E-Learning Students: 44



K-12 E-Learning Programs

At present there are no K-12 distance education programs 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 program offered by the New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. During the 2014-15 school year there were 11 French first language students and 33 English language students enrolled in online courses through this program.

According to the Department, there was no intentional blended learning occurring in public schools. All provincial credits were attained in a classroom setting, by distance education, or by external credit. However, the Department also indicated that blended learning was a national trend they would be following closely as it became more prevalent.

Governance and Regulation

Internal regulation continues to be driven by Ministerial Directives No. MD 2008–05, which apply to courses delivered during the regular school day. The directive broadly defines distance education and outlines a series of beliefs about the nature of distance education instruction. Further, individual schools and districts that participate in distance education programs must adhere to guidelines found in the provincial *Distance Education Handbook* document. The updated document specifies the use of distance education for students in particular circumstances.