



4.11 Yukon

Population – 33,897

Total Area – 482,443 km²

Population Density – 0.07 people/km²

Capital (Population) – Whitehorse (23,276)

Number of K–12 Schools – 28 (2011–12)

Number of K–12 Students – 5230 (2011–12)

Number of K–12 Distance Education Programmes – 1

Number of K–12 Distance Education Students – 82

K–12 Distance Education Policy – Memorandums of Understanding

Distance Programs

The Yukon Territory has maintained a territory-wide video conferencing program since 2004. During the 2011–12 school year, there was one Physics 12 course offered through this video conferencing program for two students from one community school. This was a decrease from the previous year, when there were 15 students enrolled. In addition, the Government of the Yukon continues to maintain agreements with a variety of course content providers in British Columbia and Alberta. During the 2011–12 school year there were 80 students enrolled in one or more of 48 different courses for a total of 113 course enrolments in authorized programs.

Governance and Regulation

The *Education Act, 2002* authorizes the Minister of Education to provide distance education courses and charge fees for students to access those courses. However, since 2003 a Ministry regulation has provided these distributed learning courses at no cost to students up to the age of 21. In instances where students are enrolled in distributed learning courses from programs outside of the Yukon Territory, those programs continue to be governed by the individual Memorandums of Understanding signed by the Government and the specific distributed learning program.

Interprovincial and International

Students in the Yukon are able to take distance education courses from other jurisdictions. However, the territorial government will only fund those courses offered by authorized providers. Students who take courses from non-authorized providers can have the course evaluated for equivalent courses in the Yukon (i.e., British Columbia) program of study. If the academic requirements were met an equivalent credit would be assigned to the student. This process is the same one that is followed when a student transfers from another province or territory.

Students from outside of the Yukon are not eligible to enrol in the territory's video conferencing distance education program.