

3.13 Nunavut (NU)

Population: 35,591

Number of K-12 Schools: 42

Number of K-12 Students: 9,728

Number of K-12 E-Learning Programs: 0

Number of K-12 E-Learning Students: ~325



K-12 E-Learning Programs

Nunavut does not have its own K-12 distance education program, but the territory government has entered into agreements with several programs from other provinces. For example, during the 2015-16 school year the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) indicated that there were 313 students enrolled in courses they offered. Although this figure includes students in both K-12 schools and other post-secondary settings. Additionally, students attending four schools in three communities could access an online version of the CISCO program delivered through Connected North. Contact North is an Ontario-based program that offers an academic and trade-based curriculum to students in K-12, adult basic education, and post-secondary settings. It is expected that the territory's participation in Contact North will expand to include six schools in five communities next year.

At present, the Department of Education is not involved in any blended learning initiatives.

Governance and Regulation

The *Education Act, 1999* allows various educational bodies to “authorize, supervise and evaluate the use of distance learning programs in the provision of the education program” (p. 75). Additionally there are territorial agreements signed with individual distance education programs authorized to provide services to Nunavut students in the K-12 system. At present students wishing to enroll in distance education courses contact their school principal.

The Department of Education is in the early stages of consideration of a delivery plan for distance education that involves several moving parts that once finalized will determine the capacity and direction distance education will take in Nunavut. This is the latest effort that began around 2012 with attempts to develop a ministerial directive regarding access to and delivery of distance education.