

### 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: 89*



#### **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 2015-16 school year there were 19 French first language students and 70 English-language students enrolled in online courses through this program.

According to the Department, there was no intentional blended learning (i.e., specific projects or initiatives) occurring in public schools. However, the Department recognizes that it is a national trend and is actively investigating avenues to both foster and account for blended learning in the province.

#### **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.

[Note that there is a new vignette from Prince Edward Island available at the <http://k12sotn.ca/pe/> focused on the École Pierre-Chiasson and its use of Google Apps for Education, video conferencing and a partnership with New Brunswick’s asynchronous course delivery system to enable students to take a variety of courses that would not be available to them. Supervision and support from the school principals is integral to this approach.]