



New Brunswick

Population: 755,464

Number of K-12 Schools: 307

Number of K-12 Students: 98,906

Number of K-12 E-Learning Programs: 2

Number of K-12 E-Learning Students: ~11,595

Governance and Regulation

While there is no specific legislative language concerning K-12 distance, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development defines distance learning as the delivery of a course where the teacher responsible for assessment and instruction is in a location physically remote from the student. Online teachers communicate with the school to relay information about student progress.

Both the Anglophone and Francophone sectors of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development manage their own K-12 distance learning programs. These programs are funded through the Department directly, and are provided at no cost to schools or districts. The Department has published policy handbooks and web resources, different for both the English and French programs, which outline who can take distance courses, list the courses offered, describe the registration process, and outline duties of each role in the process.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development defines blended learning as the use of online and distance learning resources to support a teacher delivering a course onsite to students. Students continue to have access to the online material outside of class time for independent work.

K-12 Distance and Online Learning Activity

The two distance learning programs service secondary students in New Brunswick in either of the province's two official languages. Both distance and blended courses use content created by the department and information is recorded in a learning portal, which records information about courses taken, school of origin and basic student demographic information. Some additional registrations, such as adult upgraders, are manually recorded, but not tracked with the same level of detail. During the 2018-19 school year, there were approximately 2,000 regular students enrolled in 50 different courses in the Anglophone program (including in two First Nations languages – Mi'kmaw and Wolastoqey), while there 1,270 students enrolled in 28 different courses in the Francophone program.

K-12 Blended Learning Activity

The content that has been created for all of the distance learning courses is available to all teachers in the province as a professional learning resource. During the 2018-19 school year

there were approximately 3,000 English and approximately 5,325 French face-to-face students registered in the learning management system using online courses in a more blended learning model under the direction of their local school's classroom teachers. It should be noted that the Department only tracks participation in the blended learning courses it provides centrally. Other blended learning solutions implemented by teachers and schools are not tracked.