

## Nunavut (NV)

Population: 39,407

Number of K-12 Schools: 45 Number of K-12 Students: 10,902

Number of K-12 Distance Learning Programs: 0

Number of K-12 Distance Learning Students: Unknown

The research team did not receive a response from officials in the Government of Nunavut to our repeated requests for information. As such, updates to this profile for the 2022-23 school year are limited and based on data provided by key stakeholders and document analysis.

## **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). The Department of Education defines distance learning as involving the use of appropriate technologies to provide learning experiences for students who are physically separated from their instructor for the majority of the learning process. Distance education applies to courses that cannot be offered due to insufficient numbers of students or when the subject matter is highly technical, requiring specialized teaching staff that may not be available in the community. Distance education can be delivered as on-line courses or as print courses.

Historically, there are also territorial agreements between Nunavut and various distance learning providers in Alberta and Ontario.

Distance education and/or online learning is not funded differently than traditional brick-and-mortar education. However, territorial students who are officially registered as part of a homeschooling program are eligible to receive up to \$1000 of expense reimbursement for distance education programs to cover the costs of registration fees, books, and equipment.

## K-12 Distance and Online Learning Activity

The Department of Education has indicated in the past that it tracks student enrolment information through its agreements with distance learning providers (e.g., the Alberta Distance Learning Centre up to its closure in 2021 and Contact North in Ontario). It is not known the status or level of activity from any of these agreements.

## **K-12 Blended Learning Activity**

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