

## Yukon (YT)

Population: 43,744

Number of K-12 Schools: 33 Number of K-12 Students: 5,960

Number of K-12 Distance Learning Programs: 2 Number of K-12 Distance Learning Students: 318

## **Governance and Regulation**

The *Education Act*, 2002 allows the Minister of Education to provide distance education courses and charge fees for students to access those courses. Distance education is defined as a program of study or course taken by a student where the content and resources are sent to the student to work through independently of a school.

Yukon Education supports territorial-based online and blended learning programs. However, the Department still relies on a small number of distance learning providers in British Columbia.

For the most part, distance education is funded in the same manner as brick-and-mortar education. Parents may be eligible for reimbursement of essential school resources related to distance education and/or online learning as determined by the Deputy Minister.

## K-12 Distance and Online Learning Activity

Aurora Virtual School is the only English-language online school in the territory and during the 2022-23 school year it enrolled a total of 298 students (i.e., 65 full-time and 233 supplemental). The only French-language online program is École Nomade, which enrolled 20 students during the 2022-23 school year.

## K-12 Blended Learning Activity

Yukon Education defines blended learning as a formal education program in which a student learns in part through digitally managed content, instruction and feedback and in part through face-to-face group activities at a supervised physical location away from home and with some element(s) of student control over time, place, path and/or pace.

The Department funds a learning management system (i.e., *Moodle*) and digital content, which is made available to each of the territory's schools. Yukon Education uses the data from *Moodle* to formally track the number of students who are enrolled in at least one blended learning course. During the 2022-23 school year there were approximately 650 students engaged in K-12 blended learning.