

Schools for dependents of DND personnel

The Department of National Defence (DND) maintains schools for dependents of service personnel in Canada and overseas.

All military bases in Canada have their own school boards and schools; the curriculum follows that of the province in which the schools are located, with supervision and inspection provided by the provincial authorities. About 11,000 pupils attend the 50 DND schools in Canada. Another 4,300 students attend public schools. There are nine DND schools in Europe (seven in Germany, and one each in the Netherlands and Belgium) with an enrolment of 3,800.

Education in the territories

Two geographically large areas of Canada do not have provincial status: the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

The school system of the Yukon is administered by the territorial department of education. Even though legislation recognizes three types of schools (public, separate, and Indian), since 1969 all students in the Yukon attend either public or separate schools. Their organization and curricula are patterned after those of the neighbouring province of British Columbia.

In 1969, responsibility for education in the Northwest Territories was transferred from the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs to the territorial council. The Territories have since developed their own curriculum covering six elementary and six secondary grades.

While education in the Northwest Territories is generally administered by the territorial department of education, local school boards with a measure of autonomy do exist in the urban areas of Yellowknife and Hay River.

High schools in the Northwest Territories are located only in the larger communities. Residential facilities are provided for students from outside the community.

In both the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, aid programs exist for students who wish to continue their education at postsecondary institutions in another part of the country.