

READY, SET, GROW!

Teachers' Conventions

Teachers' conventions enhance professional practice by providing teachers and school leaders with opportunities to share innovative practices, discuss pedagogical issues and meet their self-directed learning goals.

2019 Convention Themes

- Responding to changes in the educational landscape
- Teaching in inclusive classrooms
- Educating for reconciliation
- Promoting holistic health and wellness
- Embracing the importance of play and place

Featuring

New sessions developed by the Walking Together: Education for Reconciliation program, including

- An Introduction to Treaty Education,
- Indigenous Education Resources: Where Do I Start? and
- Full Circle: Understanding the Social Implications of Indigenous Realities.

Convention questions

For more information about teachers' conventions or for answers to frequently asked questions about convention attendance, please visit www.ataconventions.ca or check out the ATA website at www.teachers.ab.ca > For Members > Professional Development > Teachers' Conventions.

General questions regarding teachers' conventions should be directed to the Professional Development duty officer.

Telephone: 780-447-9400 (in Edmonton); 1-800-232-7208 (toll-free in Alberta); email: pd@ata.ab.ca

North Central Teachers' Convention

Dates: Feb. 7–8, 2019
Location: Edmonton — Shaw Conference Centre, Westin Hotel and offsite venues
Contact: Pam Arnason, president
E-mail: president@nctca.ab.ca
Website: www.mynctca.com

Calgary City Teachers' Convention

Dates: Feb. 14–15, 2019
Location: Calgary — Telus Convention Centre, Hyatt Regency Hotel and offsite venues
Contact: Darren Moroz, president
E-mail: cctcapresident@gmail.com
Website: www.cctca.com

North East Teachers' Convention

Dates: Feb. 14–15, 2019
Location: Edmonton — Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
Contact: Adrienne Sprecker, president
E-mail: adrienne.sprecker@nlsd.ab.ca
Website: <http://netca.teachers.ab.ca>

Central East Alberta Teachers' Convention

Dates: March 7–8, 2019
Location: Edmonton — Shaw Conference Centre
Contact: Jim Allan, president
E-mail: jyallan@telus.net
Website: www.ceatca.teachers.ab.ca

Palliser District Teachers' Convention

Dates: Feb. 21–22, 2019
Location: Calgary — Telus Convention Centre and Hyatt Hotel
Contact: Andrea Craigie, president
E-mail: president@pdca.org
Website: www.pdca.org

Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention

Dates: Feb. 21–22, 2019
Location: Medicine Hat College
Contact: Tim Johnson, president
E-mail: tibon007@gmail.com
Website: www.seatca.ca

South Western Alberta Teachers' Convention

Dates: Feb. 21–22, 2019
Location: University of Lethbridge
Contact: Nicole Kusick, president
E-mail: president@swatca.ca
Website: www.swatca.ca

Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention

Dates: Feb. 28–March 1, 2019
Location: Edmonton — Shaw Conference Centre, Westin Hotel and offsite venues
Contact: Lloyd Bloomfield, president
E-mail: president@getca.com
Website: www.getca.com

Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention

Dates: March 7–8, 2019
Location: Grande Prairie Composite High School and Peace Wapiti Academy
Contact: Chantal Gallant, president
E-mail: mptcpresident@gmail.com
Website: <http://mptca.teachers.ab.ca>

Central Alberta Teachers' Convention

Dates: March 14–15, 2019
Location: St Joseph's High School, Red Deer
Contact: David Martin, president
E-mail: teacher.david.martin@gmail.com
Website: www.mycatca.com

This is the time of year when teachers turn their attention to (among dozens of other things) their professional growth plans.

A meaningful plan enhances a teacher's professional practice, and a key component of such a plan is teachers' convention, which enables teachers to learn about innovative pedagogical practices and theories from top-notch speakers.

Membership in a specialist council is another potentially integral component of a teacher's professional growth plan. Your association has 21 specialist councils, and every active member is entitled to join one at no cost. Specialist councils organize annual conferences, produce publications, maintain websites and offer regional workshops and seminars, thus providing professional development opportunities and promoting teachers' expertise in curriculum and specialty areas.

Specialist Council Conferences | 2018/19

Alberta School Library Council

No conference planned at this time.
Website: <http://www.aslc.ca/>

Career and Technology Education Council

Date: Nov. 22–24, 2018
Location: Sheraton Hotel, Red Deer
Theme: CTF/CTS A New Frontier — Wild West
Contact: Alicia Kneeland-Teasdale
E-mail: conferencedirector@ctecalberta.ca
Website: <https://ctec.teachers.ab.ca/conferences/conference%202018/Pages/Home.aspx/>

Le Conseil français

No conference planned at this time.
Website: <http://cf.teachers.ab.ca>

Council for Inclusive Education

Date: Oct. 11–13, 2018
Location: Coast Canmore Hotel, Canmore
Theme: Celebrating the Challenges
Contact: Naomi Bell
E-mail: conferencesouth@cieeducation.ca
Website: <https://cieeducation.ca/>

Council for School Leadership

Date: May 11–15, 2019
Location: Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff
Theme: uLead 2019
Contact: Jeff Johnson
E-mail: leadershipfor21c@me.com
Website: ulead.ca

Council of School Counsellors

Date: Nov. 15–17, 2018
Location: Coast Canmore Hotel, Canmore
Theme: Voices of Counselling: Owning the Story
Contact: Erin Luong
E-mail: conferencedirector@guidancecouncil.ca
Website: www.ataschoolcounsellors.com/

Early Childhood Education Council

Date: Nov. 1–3, 2018
Location: Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton
Theme: Transforming Today for Tomorrow
Contact 1: Jenn Forsyth
E-mail: jenn.forsyth@ualberta.ca
Contact 2: Christina Leung
E-mail: Christina.leung11@gmail.com
Website: www.ecec-ata.com/

Educational Technology Council

No conference planned at this time.
Website: <https://etc.teachers.ab.ca/pages/home.aspx>

English as a Second Language Council

Date: Nov. 2–3, 2018
Location: Chateau Lacombe, Edmonton
Theme: Empowering Learners: Upping Our Game, Inspiring Futures
Contact: Nancy Musica
E-mail: nancy.musica@epsb.ca
Website: www.eslcata.com/conference

English Language Arts Council

No conference planned at this time.
Website: <http://elacata.ca/>

Fine Arts Council

Date: Oct. 18–20, 2018
Location: Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton
Theme: Arts Army
Contact: Andreas Berko
E-mail: levendis999@outlook.com
Website: <http://fac.teachers.ab.ca>

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Council**

Date: Oct. 11–13, 2018
Location: River Cree Resort and Casino, Enoch
Theme: Grounded in Truth, Soaring with Knowledge
Contact 1: Jolyne Watson
E-mail: jolynewatson@gmail.com
Contact 2: John Tidswell
E-mail: tidswellj@gmail.com
Website: <https://fnmiic.atapd.ca/initiative/soaring-with-knowledge-annual-conference-2018>

Global, Environmental & Outdoor Education Council**

Date: Oct. 11–13, 2018
Location: River Cree Resort and Casino, Enoch
Theme: Grounded in Truth, Soaring with Knowledge
Contact 1: Jolyne Watson
E-mail: jolynewatson@gmail.com
Contact 2: John Tidswell
E-mail: tidswellj@gmail.com
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Health and Physical Education Council

Date: May 3–5, 2019
Location: Red Deer College, Red Deer
Theme: Life's a Journey ... Let It Be Active
Contact: Jodi Harding-Kuriger
E-mail: jodi.harding@gmail.com
Website: www.hpec.ab.ca/hpec-2019-life-s-a-journey-let-it-be-active

Mathematics Council*

Date: Oct. 19–20, 2018
Location: Delta Hotel by Marriott and Radisson Hotel, Edmonton
Theme: 2018 Geeks Unite 2.0
Contact: Jennifer Hogg
E-mail: MCATAregristar@shaw.ca
Website: www.mathteachers.ab.ca

Middle Years Council

Date: April 25–27, 2019
Location: Banff Park Lodge Resort Hotel and Conference Centre
Theme: Hit It out of the Park!
Contact: Chris McCullough
E-mail: chris.mccullough.teacher@gmail.com
Website: www.ata-myc.com

Outreach Education Council

Date: Sept. 27–29, 2018
Location: River Cree Resort and Casino, Enoch
Theme: The Power of Connection
Contact: Antonette Wilson
E-mail: oec.ab.conference@gmail.com
Website: <http://oec.teachers.ab.ca>

Religious and Moral Education Council

Date: Oct. 12–13, 2018
Location: Banff Park Lodge, Banff
Theme: Relevant Religious Education
Contact: Mark Nixon
E-mail: mark.nixon53@gmail.com
Website: <http://rmec.teachers.ab.ca>

Science Council*

Date: Oct. 19–20, 2018
Location: Delta Hotel by Marriott and Radisson Hotel, Edmonton
Theme: 2018 Geeks Unite 2.0
Contact 1: Tracy Onuczko
E-mail: tracy.onuczko@ualberta.ca
Contact 2: Marj Farris
E-mail: marjf@incentre.net
Website: <http://sc.teachers.ab.ca>

Second Languages and Intercultural Council

Date: Oct. 20, 2018
Location: Grant MacEwan University, Edmonton
Contact: Diana D Boisvert
E-mail: diana.boisvert14@gmail.com
Website: <http://slc.teachers.ab.ca>

Social Studies Council**

Date: Oct. 11–13, 2018
Location: River Cree Resort and Casino, Enoch
Theme: Grounded in Truth, Soaring With Knowledge
Contact 1: John Tidswell
E-mail: tidswellj@gmail.com
Contact 2: Jolyne Watson
E-mail: jolynewatson@gmail.com
Website: <https://fnmiic.atapd.ca/initiative/soaring-with-knowledge-annual-conference-2018>

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* Joint Conference—Mathematics Council and Science Council

** Joint Conference—First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Council, Global, Environmental & Outdoor Education Council and Social Studies Council