



Celebrate,  
preserve,  
promote, **Mission**  
and enhance Catholic education.

## Core Purpose

We are committed to a unified voice providing spiritual and political leadership for publicly-funded Catholic education.

That all have access to a publicly funded Catholic education.

## Vision



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# Did you know?

ACSTA has  
**24 member boards**

There are  
**450 Catholic Schools** in  
Alberta, NWT and Yukon

There are over  
**183,500 students**  
receiving a Catholic  
Education in Alberta,  
NWT and Yukon

**Catholic Schools**  
continue to grow at a  
**rate of 9.53%**

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Catholic education recognizes that parents have the primary right to educate their children in conformity with the family's moral and religious conviction. Catholic schools are an extension of the home and work in cooperation with the Catholic church to provide an integrated approach to faith and learning.

## We Believe...

Catholic education is Christ centered education. The development of the child is rooted within the context of a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. Within the Catholic school students learn Jesus' message of love, faith, and hope. Jesus Christ, as role model for all members of the school community, inspires relationships rooted in tenets of the faith.

The Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association represents Catholic trustees in Alberta, Northwest Territories and Yukon.

# Taking a Closer Look

## Catholic schools are distinct

because they integrate faith and learning in a fully permeated Catholic culture. Catholic schools cultivate a culture where growth in faith formation is a communal journey.

## Catholic schools work collaboratively

with stakeholders and partners as prudent stewards of resources.

Through a variety of partnerships such as co-operative school financing, joint purchasing, transportation, energy management, and other shared services, taxpayers save millions of dollars.

## Catholic schools celebrate diversity

and inclusion rooted in tenants of hospitality, tradition, justice, sacramentality, and spirituality. Catholic education contributes to celebrating Canada's mosaic of citizens. Non-Catholic parents have the opportunity to choose a faith based education for their children. Choice remains an important distinguishing attribute of a democratic society.

## Catholic schools cultivate a welcoming, safe, caring, and respectful learning environments

where love of the Father, faith in Jesus Christ, and hope from the Holy Spirit give witness to the faith.

## Catholic schools are authentically

**"Catholic"** based on the teachings of the Church. This permeation of faith is recognized by the courts, the Charter, and the Constitution.

**Catholic education gives witness** of the faith through its' Catholic educators. The Catholic worldview permeates all aspects of the curriculum and culture of a Catholic school. Thus teachers understand their role to be ministry in the service of others and vocation in the answering to God's call.

**Catholic education is rooted in the unwavering understanding that all children are God's children**, created in his likeness and

image, deserving of unconditional love and inherent dignity. The student is seen as a person whose intellectual growth is harmonized with spiritual, religious, emotional, physical, and social well-being.

Catholic schools have been **operating in Alberta since the 1840's** - well before Alberta became a province

**ACSTA was formed in 1966 to support Separate School Trustees** and to provide opportunities for Trustees to discuss issues important to Catholic education.

**Catholic schools are all-inclusive**, welcoming school communities where all students are unique creations of God and are cherished as gifts from God.