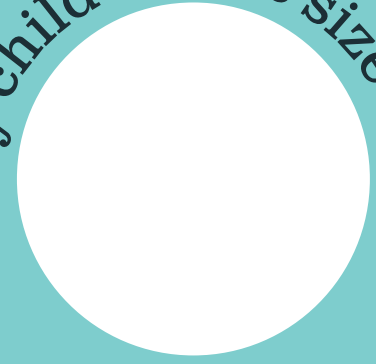


Dear MLA,
My classroom
concerns are ...

My child's class size is ...



It should* be ...

select grade

17

GRADES
K-3

23

GRADES
4-6

25

GRADES
7-9

27

GRADES
10-12

*Recommended class size averages from Alberta's Commission on Learning (2003)

Sincerely,

#MyClassSizeIs #AbEd

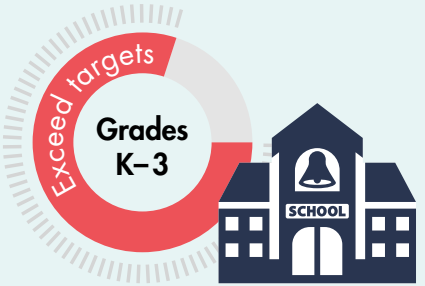


Express your concerns about crowded and complex classrooms

Alberta has a world-renowned public education system. Our teachers and other school staff work hard to provide outstanding educational opportunities.

Unfortunately, students and teachers are not provided with the best supports and, as a result, too many children are falling through the cracks.

Class Size



80% of K-3 classes are larger than the approved target.¹



Class Composition





When compared to classrooms elsewhere in the world, Alberta's classes are twice as likely to include a **significant number of students with special needs and/or students who are learning in a language that is not their mother tongue.**

Many rural classes often include students learning **different programs of study in the same room at the same time.**





Support for Special Needs

50 school boards  incurred costs related to supporting special needs that **exceeded** the amount of funding they received—a **total \$119 million shortfall.** 

Even so, teachers say that **many students are not receiving the support they need.**  

¹<https://open.alberta.ca/opendata/class-size-by-school-year-jurisdiction-and-grade-alberta>

Directions

-  Compose a short note to your MLA telling him or her about the learning conditions in your child's classroom.
-  Take a photo of your letter and share it on social media, using the hashtags #MyClassSizels and #AbEd (optional).
-  Return the letter to your ATA school representative or other ATA local official.
-  We will send the letter to your MLA on your behalf.

Tips

- Keep your letter factual and short.
- Tell your story. What are the barriers faced by your child's teacher or students in your child's class?
- Try to be constructive: advocate for what your school needs, preferably without aggressive criticism.
- You do not need to identify the school or board that your child attends. These issues are present across the province, and this activity is about letting your MLA know that you are a voter and you share these provincial concerns.
- Please avoid using this letter to criticize individual teachers, schools or school jurisdictions. Schools are forced to make difficult decisions as a result of limited funding, and the purpose of this letter is to advocate for provincial support.

Please fill in the following:

Name _____ Phone _____

Home address _____ Postal code _____

My MLA is _____ (Search for your MLA at streetkey.elections.ab.ca.)