

Dear MLA,  
My classroom  
concerns are ...

My class size is ...

It should\* be ...

select grade

17 GRADES K-3	23 GRADES 4-6	25 GRADES 7-9	27 GRADES 10-12
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\*Recommended class size averages from Alberta's Commission on Learning (2003).

Sincerely,

#MyClassSizeIs #AbEd

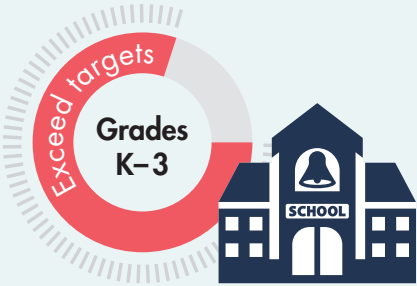


# Express your concerns on crowded and complex classrooms

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.<sup>1</sup>



### 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 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.** 

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

### Directions

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

### Tips

- Keep it factual and short.
- Tell your story. What are the barriers faced by you and your students?
- Try to be constructive: advocate for what you need, preferably without aggressive criticism.
- Be mindful of professional code responsibilities—do not criticize colleagues or your employer.*
- Respect student privacy—keep complexity information general and avoid any information that could identify individual students.
- You do not need to identify the school or board where you work.

## Please fill in the following:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

My MLA is \_\_\_\_\_ (Search for your MLA at [streetkey.elections.ab.ca](https://streetkey.elections.ab.ca).)