

# A. Introduction

Resolutions adopted by representative assemblies constitute the policy of the Alberta Teachers' Association. The following pages contain a listing of all current policy, including new resolutions and amendments approved by the 2024 Annual Representative Assembly. (This publication, however, is not the official text of resolutions approved by representative assemblies; that official text is contained in the minutes of such assemblies.)

Policy is classified as fundamental beliefs, externally focused policies, internally focused policies and immediate directives. Fundamental beliefs, externally focused policies and internally focused policies will be reviewed every six years by the representative assembly. The following schedule for that review was approved by the 2019 Assembly:

- 2025 Curriculum, Programs and Supports
  - Student Assessment
  - Teacher Professional Preparation and Certification
  
- 2026 Administrative Procedures
  - Pensions
  - Professional Growth, Supervision and Evaluation
  - Public Education
  
- 2027 School–Community Relations
  - Working Conditions for Professional Service
  
- 2028 Educational Assistants
  - Inclusive Education
  - Professional Development
  - Professional Responsibilities of the Association and Its Members
  
- 2029 Indigenous Peoples
  - Political Engagement
  - School Facilities
  - Social Justice and Global Issues
  
- 2030 Administration of Schools and School Systems
  - Early Intervention and Early Childhood Education
  - Education Finance
  - Educational Accountability for Public Assurance
  - Private, Charter and Home Schooling
  - Research and Research Ethics
  - Technology and Education

Immediate directives outline actions that the Association will undertake in the next operational year. Such policies typically authorize one-time funding allocations from the Association's budget, direct aspects of Association operations or send political messages to outside groups. All completely new (as opposed to amended) policies approved by a representative assembly are initially classified as immediate directives. Immediate directives with implications for the Association's budget automatically expire at the end of the next

fiscal year. Immediate directives that do not concern the Association's budget expire after one year at which point, as directed by the representative assembly, they either disappear or are rewritten as belief statements and incorporated into one of the other categories of policy.

A cross-reference listing is included, providing resolution numbers and policy numbers impacted by decisions of the 2024 Assembly. All Association policy is posted on the website at About > Annual Representative Assembly.

Officials of local associations and members are invited to use this printing as a reference for Association policy and in particular when considering resolutions for presentation to the 2025 Assembly. Procedures for submitting resolutions are found in section 1.3.1.0 of policy. Additional information on preparation and submission of resolutions is e-mailed to locals in early fall.