



# GET INVOLVED WITH A SPECIALIST COUNCIL

ATA specialist councils promote and advocate for best practices in leadership and teaching through collaborative professional development, curriculum development and collegial support. Each council is operated by volunteer teacher members who contribute their time, talents, and enthusiasm to plan and implement programs and activities for the councils. Specialist councils organize annual conferences, produce publications, maintain websites, and offer regional workshops and seminars. The Association plays a supporting role by contributing financial grants, publication services and administrative advice.

Councils provide excellent opportunities for ATA members to develop leadership skills and support their teaching colleagues. Last year more than 500 active members served on provincial specialist council executives and program committees and most councils operate regional associations which allow even greater participation by teachers across the province.

Specialist councils are constantly growing and changing to meet new challenges and to provide high-quality educational leadership. New councils are formed when teachers perceive the need to explore new frontiers in education.

Membership in specialist councils is available only to members of the Alberta Teachers' Association as specified below.

**Regular Membership**—Active members of the Alberta Teachers' Association and associate members who are ineligible for active membership, as specified in ATA bylaws, are eligible for regular membership in specialist councils. All regular members are entitled to full privileges including the right to vote and to hold office.

**Life Membership**—Retired members of the ATA, as specified in ATA bylaws, are eligible for life membership in a council and are entitled to all the benefits and services of council membership except the right to hold office.

**Student Membership**—Undergraduate university student ATA members, as specified in ATA bylaws. Student members receive all the benefits and services of council membership except the right to hold office.

**Subscription Service**—Persons or organizations who are ineligible for active or associate membership in the ATA, such as teacher assistants, school support staff, community members and libraries, as well as retired teachers and nonactive teachers, may be connected with the council by paying a subscription fee. Payment of the subscription fee provides access to the council's publications as well as other services determined by the council, but does not provide membership in the council.

Central office staff who are eligible for active membership in the Association but have elected associate or non-membership are not eligible for specialist council membership. Teachers in charter, federal and private schools must be associate members of the ATA to be eligible for specialist council regular membership.

You are invited to join a council or councils of your choice. Fill out the application form on the reverse side and forward it, along with your cheque or money order if required, to the Alberta Teachers' Association. Further information on eligibility, fees, membership categories and council programs is available from staff in the Professional Development program area of the Association and on the Association's website at [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca).

## *Specialist Council Application/Renewal Form*

Council	Regular	Life	Student	Subscription
Alberta School Library Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Career and Technology Studies Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
Le Conseil français	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
Council for School Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
Early Childhood Education Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$11	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Educational Technology Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
English as a Second Language Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$26
English Language Arts Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
Fine Arts Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$8	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
Global, Environmental & Outdoor Education Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Guidance Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
Health and Physical Education Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$37
Mathematics Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
Middle Years Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Outreach Education Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Religious and Moral Education Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Science Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
Second Languages and Intercultural Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
Social Studies Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
Special Education Council	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25

Category of membership in the Alberta Teachers' Association  Active  Associate  Life  Student  Nonmember

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (res) \_\_\_\_\_ (bus) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Alberta Teacher Certificate No \_\_\_\_\_

School or Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level, Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

In making application for membership in a specialist council, you are voluntarily providing your personal information and consenting to its collection, use and disclosure for all purposes connected with your participation as a member of the council.

Make cheque payable to **The Alberta Teachers' Association** and mail, with application, to  
**The Alberta Teachers' Association, 11010 142 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T5N 2R1.**