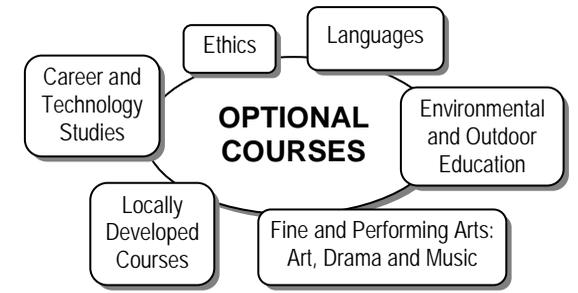
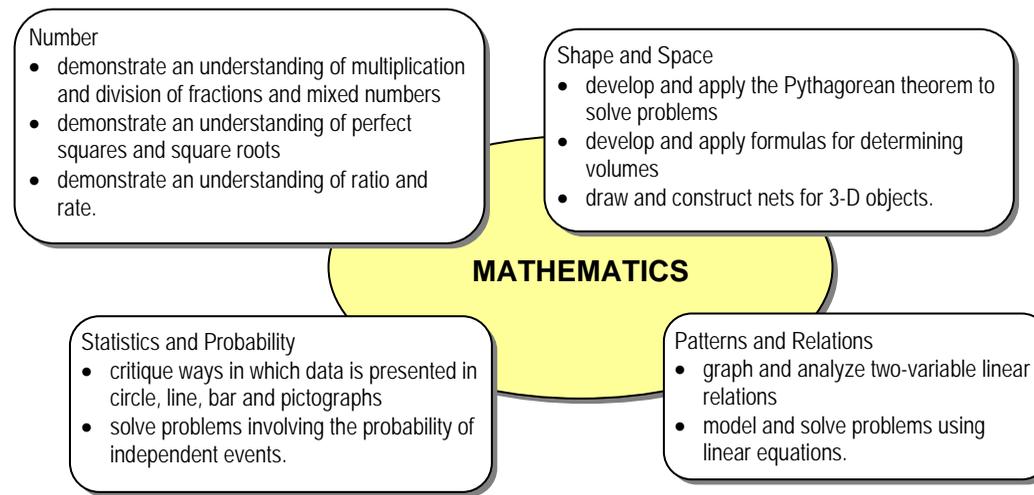
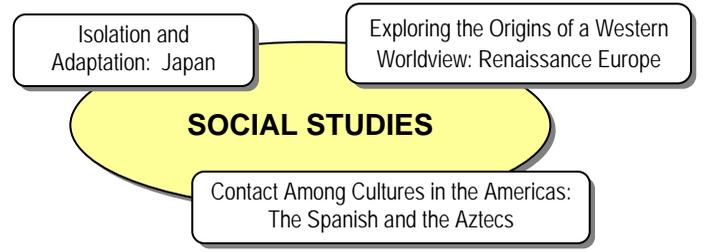
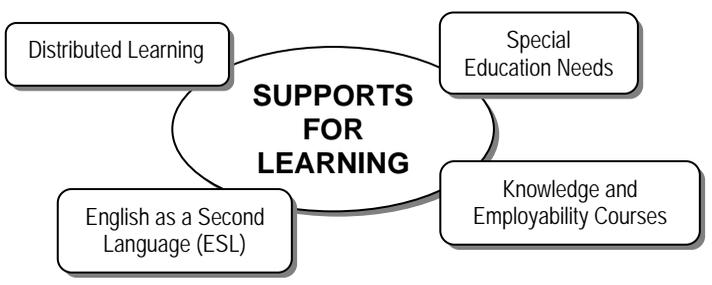


# GRADE 8 AT-A-GLANCE



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- “Stand By Me”—focuses students’ attention on the person of Jesus Christ, revealed as the fullness and perfect image of God.

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT).** Students learn and apply ICT knowledge and skills while learning in content areas such as language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

## Information for Parents

Parents can access information about the curriculum and learning resources in a number of ways:

- your child's teacher or school
- Curriculum Summaries
- Curriculum Handbooks
- Programs of Study on the Alberta Education website.

## How Can I Help My Child At Home?

Show interest in school activities by:

- asking questions
- helping with homework and projects
- setting aside time and a place for your child to complete homework.

Use Alberta Education and other resources produced for parents, such as

- **The Parent Advantage**—*Tips and strategies for helping with homework in grades 1 through 9.*
- **Make School Work for You: A Resource for Junior and Senior High Students Who Want to Be More Successful Learners**—*Information on knowing yourself, getting organized, making every class count, test taking, presenting learning, getting along with others and staying motivated.*
- **LearnAlberta.ca Website**—*Online multimedia learning resources that directly relate to the Alberta programs of study.* <http://learnalberta.ca>
- **TELUS 2Learn Website**—*An education-business partnership that provides Internet inservice, support and mentorship for Alberta teachers.* <http://www.2learn.ca>

## Schooling in Alberta

**Curriculum** describes what students are expected to learn. Alberta Education develops the curriculum in consultation with teachers, administrators, parents, representatives from post-secondary institutions, and professional and community groups.

Teachers use the curriculum to plan learning activities that meet their students' needs and abilities. They regularly assess student progress, reporting to parents, students and administrators.

Students write provincial achievement tests in grades 3, 6 and 9.

## Religious Education

Religious Education is an essential and integral part of the life and culture of Catholic schools. Schools support the home and family in the faith development of children. For more information, contact the local school board.

## Languages

- Blackfoot
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Cree
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Punjabi
- Spanish
- Ukrainian

These languages as well as others may be available at your child's school. For more information, contact the local school board.

## Where Can I Get More Information?

- The Alberta Education Website  
<http://education.alberta.ca/>
- Arts, Communications and Citizenship  
Telephone: 780-427-2984  
Fax: 780-422-0576  
E-mail: [curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca](mailto:curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca)
- Digital Design and Resource Authorization  
Telephone: 780-422-3244  
Fax: 780-422-9157  
E-mail: [curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca](mailto:curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca)
- Distributed Learning  
Telephone: 780-674-5350  
Fax: 780-674-6561  
E-mail: [DLB.General@gov.ab.ca](mailto:DLB.General@gov.ab.ca)
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit Services  
Telephone: 780-415-9300  
Fax: 780-415-9306  
E-mail: [FNMIServices@gov.ab.ca](mailto:FNMIServices@gov.ab.ca)
- French Language Education Services  
Telephone: 780-427-2940  
Fax: 780-422-1947  
E-mail: [LSB@edc.gov.ab.ca](mailto:LSB@edc.gov.ab.ca)
- Inclusive Learning Supports  
Telephone: 780-422-6326  
Fax: 780-422-2039  
E-mail: [inclusivelearningsupports@gov.ab.ca](mailto:inclusivelearningsupports@gov.ab.ca)
- Learner Assessment  
Telephone: 780-427-0010  
Fax: 780-422-4200  
E-mail: [LAcontact@edc.gov.ab.ca](mailto:LAcontact@edc.gov.ab.ca)
- Mathematics and Sciences  
Telephone: 780-427-2984  
Fax: 780-422-3745  
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