

Department Responsibilities

The department's mandate is to set the overall strategic and operational policy direction, establish standards and allocate funding for early learning, child care, and K–12 education, ensuring accountability for outcomes.

The overall responsibilities of the minister and Education and Early Childhood Learning include:

- sets policy direction and standards for the early learning, child care and K–12 education system,
- develops legislation, regulation and policy,
- administers funding, grants, and child care subsidy applications,
- provides oversight to ensure compliance and monitoring for outcomes,
- develops and evaluates curriculum and curriculum resources to support implementation and assessment of curricular outcomes,
- ensures inclusive child care and K–12 education,
- certifies teachers, school professionals, early childhood educators, and licenses child care facilities,
- advances French language education and child care services (with responsibilities that also extend from early childhood education into post-secondary education),
- supports Indigenous education and advances Truth and Reconciliation, and
- researches, develops, funds and evaluates initiatives and data to improve outcomes.

The Minister is also responsible for:

- Public school divisions