

# Department Responsibilities

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

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

- set policy direction and standards for Early Learning and Child Care, and for the K to 12 education system,
- develop legislation, regulation, and policy,
- administer funding, grants, and child care subsidies,
- provide oversight to ensure compliance and monitoring for outcomes,
- develop and evaluate curriculum to support implementation and assessment of curricular outcomes,
- ensure inclusive child care and K to 12 education,
- certify teachers, school professionals, early childhood educators, and child care assistants and license child care facilities,
- advance French language education and child care services (with responsibilities that also extend from early childhood education into post-secondary education),
- support Indigenous education and advance Truth and Reconciliation, and
- develop, research, and evaluate initiatives to ensure high quality learning, achievement, and well-being.

The Minister is also responsible for:

- Public school divisions