

2005-2008 Strategic Plan of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport

Vision

Students are the focus of all the actions of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in educational matters. Its personnel works in close collaboration with those who share its educational mission in accordance with their respective responsibilities. All the stakeholders in the education system are persistently focused on success.

In matters of recreation and sports, the Ministère's actions are aimed at the entire population. By creating synergy regarding the promotion of and access to recreation and sports in a safe setting, and by developing excellence in sports, the Ministère plans to improve the participation rate of the Québec population.

Issue

A flexible training system that meets the specific needs of students and that focuses on the success of everyone

Vocational and technical training and continuing education and training that are recognized by society, meet the various needs of young people and adults, and are adapted to the current and future realities of the labour market

A higher education system that is able to compete in a North-American context

Regional development supported by quality educational services

Participation of the population in a physically active lifestyle

Provision of quality services and improved relations with our partners

Orientations

Revise preschool, elementary and secondary education

Improve vocational and technical training and continuing education and training

Consolidate higher education, in collaboration with our partners

Contribute to regional development

Promote, among the population, participation in physical activities, recreation and sports in a healthy and safe setting

Improve our provision of services and relations with our partners

Focuses of Intervention and Objectives

New conditions that foster success

- 1.1 Beginning in 2006, increase instruction time by 90 minutes per week at the elementary level in order to facilitate the teaching of physical education, English as a second language and the arts subjects.
- 1.2 Beginning in 2006, include the instruction of English as a second language in Elementary Cycle One.
- 1.3 Starting in 2007, offer new courses at the secondary level.
- 1.4 Starting in 2007, increase the requirements for the Secondary School Diploma (SSD).
- 1.5 Starting in 2006, improve supervision of the teaching profession.
- 1.6 By 2008, complete the ministerial revision of the secondary school programs of study.
- 1.7 By 2008, support the implementation of the Québec Education Program at the secondary level.
- 1.8 By 2007, carry out the implementation plan of the Policy on the Evaluation of Learning.
- 1.9 By 2008, support the implementation of the amendments to the Basic school regulation for preschool, elementary and secondary education.
- 1.10 By 2008, help the school boards improve students' access to various literary and documentary resources and to structured reading places.

Assistance for students, parents and teachers

- 1.11 By 2008, provide support for and advice to schools and school boards in order to improve the supervision of and guidance for students as well as assistance for parents and teachers.
 - 1.11.1 Encourage schools and school boards to implement initiatives concerning homework assistance, mentoring, early detection and the promotion of healthy lifestyles.
 - 1.11.2 In the school boards, promote the implementation of the *Healthy Schools* approach in their educational institutions.

Support for students with special educational needs

- 1.12 By 2008, ensure the implementation of intervention fostering the success of students in target schools located in disadvantaged areas.
- 1.13 By June 2007, assess the implementation of the Policy on Special Education and continually monitor changes in integration rates of students with handicaps, social maladjustments or learning difficulties in regular classrooms.
- 1.14 By 2008, pursue the implementation of the Plan of Action for Educational Integration and Intercultural Education and report the progress made.

Promotion of vocational and technical training for young people and their families

- 2.1 By 2008, increase to more than 50% the number of students and parents that have a positive perception of occupations and trades.
- 2.2 By 2008, increase the number of students under 20 years of age enrolled in vocational training by increasing their access rates from 16.6% to 20%.

Revision and update of programs

- 2.3 In 2005, complete the ministerial revision of the Vocational and Technical Training Program according to the competency-based approach.
- 2.4 Beginning in 2006, reduce the delays in updating vocational and technical training programs to less than 12 months.
- 2.5 By 2008, analyze and review the vocational training programs that have low graduation rates.

Adult education and continuing education and training

- 2.6 By 2008, implement 90% of the measures of the Action Plan for Adult Education and Continuing Education and Training in order to establish a culture of lifelong learning in Québec.

Organization of college education

- 3.1 By 2008, in collaboration with partners, increase the colleges' capacity to adapt to new challenges.
- 3.2 By 2008, help colleges increase the graduation rate and shorten the time it takes to obtain a diploma.

Quality of, access to and financing of university education

- 3.3 By 2008, develop, with universities, various measures to ensure access to and continued competitiveness of Québec university education.

Support for research

- 3.4 By 2007, define, with universities, the status of student researchers.

Student financial assistance

- 3.5 Provide a student assistance program adapted to the needs and situation of students in Québec.

Offer of regional educational services

- 4.1 By 2008, create favourable conditions for sustaining educational services in the regions that are experiencing a sharp decline.
 - 4.1.1 Try using information and communications technologies in at least 13 school boards.
 - 4.1.2 Provide special support to school boards and colleges that are far from any major urban centre.
 - 4.1.3 Grant special support to universities in the region.
- 4.2 By 2008, improve access to vocational and technical training in all the regions.

Regional partnership

- 4.3 By 2005, begin implementing the development of the community school, in collaboration with our partners, so that elementary and secondary educational institutions become the centre of services offered to young people and their families.
- 4.4 Improve the complementary nature of services offered to students and their families by the school system, in partnership with the health system and social services.

Promotion of physical activity, recreation and sports

- 5.1 By 2007, increase the participation of the population in physical, recreational and sports activities.
- 5.2 Promote safe and ethical participation in recreation and sports.
- 5.3 Improve the results that Quebeckers achieve in the Canadian and international sports arena.
- 5.4 By 2007, support increased volunteer participation in recreation and sports.

Quality of services provided to citizens

- 6.1 Ensure a high level of satisfaction of citizens regarding the quality of services offered by the Ministère.
- 6.2 By 2008, implement the Ministère's plans for modernization.
 - 6.2.1 By 2006, adjust the ministerial program evaluation process and implement new orientations.
 - 6.2.2 Develop a workforce management plan that takes into account the development of skills and the transfer of knowledge and expertise.
 - 6.2.3 Review our supervision mechanisms with regard to property management in order to establish new partnerships and reduce costs.

Quality and availability of information

- 6.3 By 2008, contribute to the development of e-government.
 - 6.3.1 Pursue the modernization of ministerial computer systems and technology infrastructures.
 - 6.3.2 Simplify access to information and ministerial on-line services.
 - 6.3.3 Develop the education portal.
- 6.4 Continue the annual publication of indicators in order to assist educational institutions with their exercise in accountability.

Collaboration between the Ministère and its partners

- 6.5 Continually ensure a high level of satisfaction among the main partners of the Ministère regarding the effectiveness of collaboration mechanisms in the management of the education system.