



Alberta Legislature Building and Interpretive Centre

STUDENT ACTIVITY

Race for the Ridings

Overview for Teachers

Student groups visiting the Legislature will have an opportunity to participate in this guide-led activity. The activity combines the excitement of a board game with the educational value of a Social Studies lesson. Please request this activity when you call to book your tour. (Suggested grade levels 6-8)

To play Race for the Ridings in your classroom, see www.assembly.ab.ca/visitor (Teacher's Corner) to download the activity.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the electoral process, and the role that citizens play in supporting candidates for office.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of the terminology associated with the parliamentary process at the provincial level and the roles of the people involved.

Class Preparation for the Activity

In order to make the most of their visit to the Legislature, students should be familiar with the terminology associated with the provincial Legislative Assembly. During their tour of the building and during the Race for the Ridings activity, your students will be exposed to some specialized vocabulary, and they will gain a better understanding if they have seen and heard it beforehand.

Before their visit to the Legislature, it is recommended that teachers prepare their classes by reviewing the roles of the Lieutenant Governor, the elected members and the officers of the Legislative Assembly as well as overall daily procedures and the steps for a bill to become a law.

They should also be familiar with the concept of elections and the terms “riding” and “constituency” as the object of the game will be to select a candidate to represent a riding.

For information or bookings please contact

Visitor Services

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Useful Terminology

Roles

Lieutenant Governor	Official Opposition
Premier	Government
Ministers	Governing Party
Cabinet	Officers of the Legislative Assembly
Speaker	Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs)	Sergeant-at-Arms
Opposition Members	Parliamentary Counsel

Procedures

Introduction of a bill	Ministerial Statements
First, second, third reading	Oral Question Period
Committee of the Whole	Speech from the Throne
Debate	Session
Royal Assent	Dissolution of the Legislative Assembly
Daily Routine	
Budget Address	

Elections

Constituency
Riding
Candidate
Campaign
Vote

References

For more information on terminology and procedures, visit www.assembly.ab.ca/visitor to access the following resources:

- [*Dictionary of Parliamentary Terms*](#) (Reference/Publications)
- [*Citizen's Guide to the Legislature*](#) (Reference/Publications)
- [*The Tuba Bill*](#) (Student Zone)
- [*Your Tax Dollar's Journey*](#) (Student Zone)

Also take your students on a [**virtual visit**](#) of the Legislature at www.virtualvisit.learnalberta.ca.

For more parliamentary terminology, visit the Parliament of Canada website at www.parl.gc.ca/education

- [*Glossary of Parliamentary Procedure*](#) (See Background Resources / House of Commons)
- [*Glossary of Parliamentary Terms for Younger Students*](#) (See Classroom Resources)