

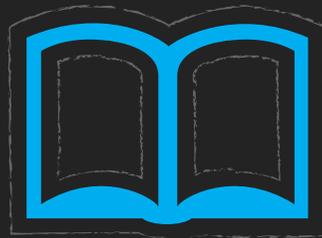


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CANADIAN COMPANION TO UNICEF REPORT CARD 15

THE **EQUALIZER**

How Education Creates Fairness for Children in Canada



*8 important things about
education in Canada*

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Did you know Canada's education system is one of the highest ranked among rich countries? This means that a high number of students do well in school.

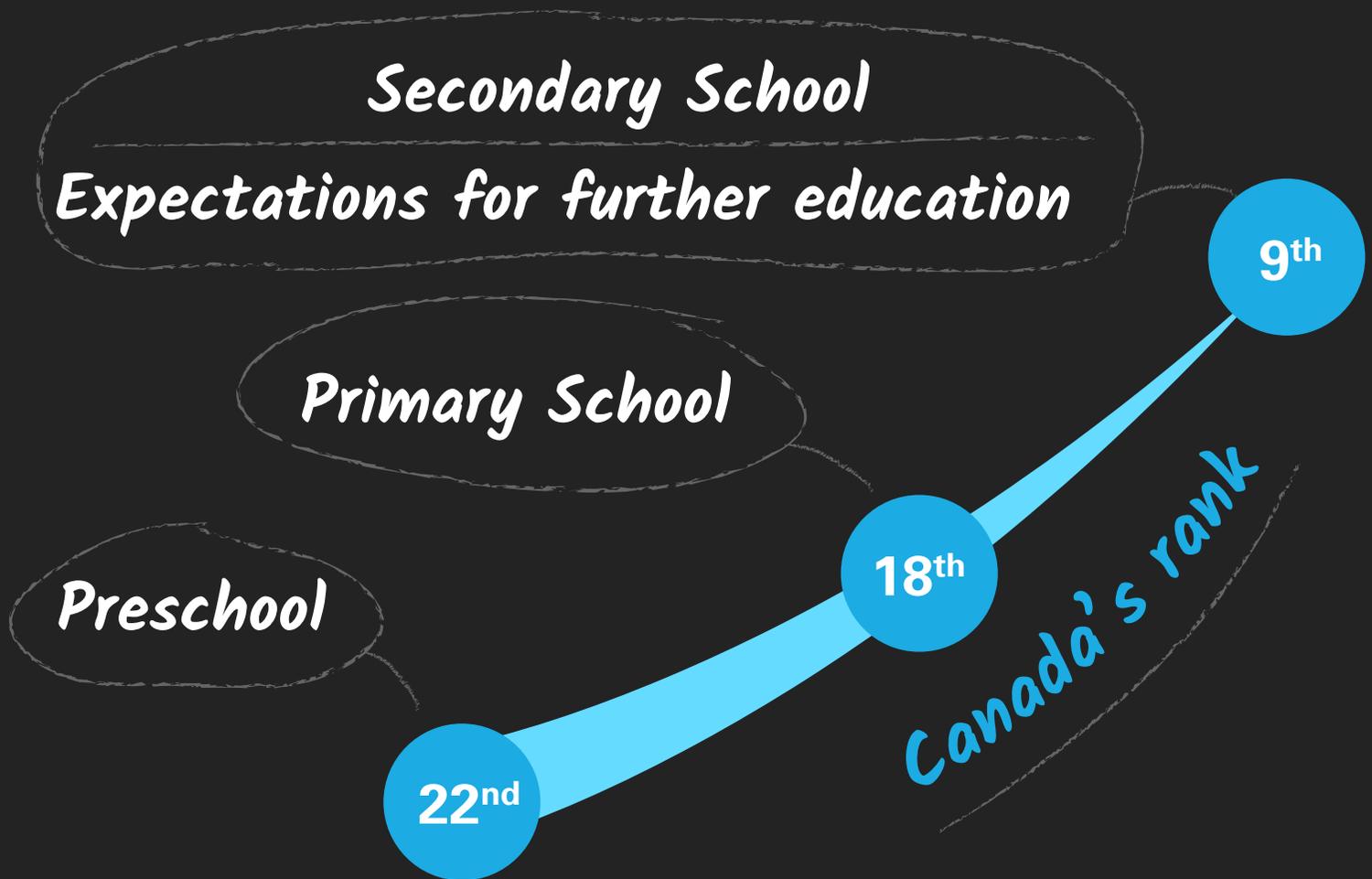
Canada ranks



*out of 38 countries in
education equality*

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Compared to other countries, Canada's education system becomes more equal the further children progress through school.

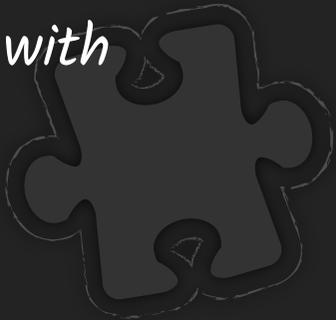


In spite of Canada's ranking, education is not an equalizer for all children across Canada.



There is a reading gap that widens in favour of girls as children progress through school

Many First Nations children, children with disabilities, racialized children and children in care are left behind





Migrant children do just as well in reading achievement in secondary school as Canadian-born children

Canada has a relatively high level of equality in education compared to other countries because in Canada, if you come from a rich family, it doesn't have as much of an influence on your education, and there is less difference in achievement levels between schools.

Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments invest in education



Public education systems distribute quality teaching and resources across schools

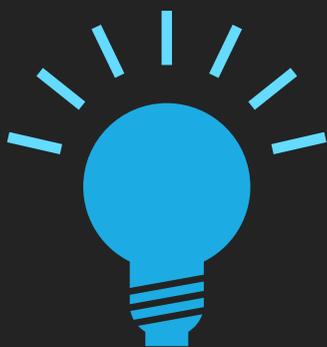


Public schools have a range of inclusive policies and programs



Students are not selectively admitted into schools as often as in other countries

Countries like Canada with greater educational equality also have higher levels of achievement – there is no tradeoff between fairness and greatness.



Fairness



Greatness

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Education in Canada can't remain equal if growing threats to education are ignored.

Income Inequality



School Stratification

(How students are pooled between and in schools)



Shadow Education

(Private investment gap in children's education)

Growing threats to educational equality

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If Canada wants to stay among the top ranked countries in education, there are things we need to continue to work on to improve education for all children in Canada.



Reduce

income inequality



Guarantee

access to high quality Early Childhood Education



Close

the gaps between children in schools



Establish

A reconciliation framework to close gaps for Indigenous children



Expand

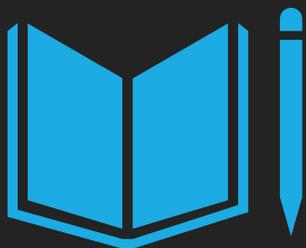
learning for the future - the new basics



Make

learning safer and healthier

Canada's education strategy can be – and should be – a blueprint for improving other areas of child and youth well being.



If Canada brought to other aspects of child and youth well-being the shared commitment we have to good education, many more children would be healthy, free of violence, and able to reach their full potential

Key areas to improve:



Health

Canada ranks **29th**



Poverty

Canada ranks **32nd**



Nutrition

Canada ranks **37th**



Safety

Canada ranks **37th**

See UNICEF Report Card 14 for more on Canada's rankings
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