

EQUALITY IN EDUCATION

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Parents or the persons acting in their stead have a right to give their children a religious and moral education in keeping with their beliefs and with proper regard for their children's rights and interests.

The Québec education system promotes gender mixing and [gender equality](#) (in French only). All children should receive a neutral education free of [sexual stereotypes](#) (in French only).

Schools ensure that the principle of gender equality is respected in their communication with parents.

Teachers are equipped to teach young people about the importance of mutual respect in class as well as in society. The concepts taught in [sexuality education](#) are intended to promote egalitarian relationships, the fight against sexual stereotypes and sexism, and the prevention of violence in intimate relationships.

All young people regardless of gender have access to different types of training that enable them to enter the job market: [vocational training](#), [technical training](#) and [university education](#) (in French only).

A number of government programs are designed [to encourage women to work in traditionally male-dominated occupations](#) (in French only). Moreover, [few men are currently working in job sectors traditionally associated with women](#) (in French only) such as health care and education services. However, [diversity in the workplace has many advantages](#) (in French only): it fosters a good work climate, increases productivity and improves working conditions.

The [Jeunes Explorateurs](#) organization (in French only) offers internships to Secondary IV and V students to enable them to explore the occupations of their choice.