

The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) is the professional organization and trade union for teachers in Alberta. It represents all teachers and teacher administrators in all schools in Alberta's public, separate and francophone school divisions.

The Education Student Association (ESA) is a student-led local of the ATA. All Ambrose Education students have the privilege of becoming ATA Student Members, which gives them access to attend PD sessions for free, use the ATA library, join specialist councils (virtual communities that focus on specific areas of education, host conferences, and provide resources), and receive discounts at a variety of businesses in Alberta. The ESA executive team attends the yearly ATA Student Local conference where they connect with other student locals and learn more about the ATA and how it operates. They represent the student body to the ATA and communicate information from the ATA to the student body as needed. Education students pay \$5 to the ATA each year and the ATA passes along \$4 for every student enrolled in the program to the ESA. The ESA is accountable to the ATA and is governed by a constitution that is approved by them; at the end of each year, the ESA is responsible for providing a report of activities and financial report to the ATA.

The ESA also operates as a student association that liaises between the Education program and the university. They are responsible for representing the education program in meetings (like the General Faculties Council internally and the Calgary Area Field Experiences Committee externally), hosting events, scheduling and overseeing professional development opportunities, supporting student life and faith development, and communicating opportunities for involvement to the education program's student body. The ESA is made up of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and four committees: Professional Development, Social Media & Communications, Social Events & Outreach, and Spiritual Life. The members of the ESA are elected each year in the spring. First year students are invited to join one of the committees as first year representatives in October of each year.

For additional information regarding the ESA, please e-mail us at ambroseesa@gmail.com or follow us on Instagram (@ambroseesa).