

## **Students to be schooled in CPR**

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**Reading, 'riting and resuscitation will soon be mandatory learning for all Alberta students.**

**Already started in Calgary and Edmonton, the CPR program will be rolled out for rural schools this morning at Brooks Composite High School, 160 km southeast of Calgary.**

**"It's the goal to have it implemented at all schools by 2006," said Mark Cooper, spokesman for Alberta Learning.**

**"(Minister Lyle Oberg) just feels it's very important everyone be taught some of the life-saving skills that will allow them to act in emergencies," he said.**

**Already the program, put in at the school level by the non-profit ACT (Advanced Coronary Treatment) Foundation, has contributed to a few "saves," including a recent incident in Edmonton, said ACT's executive director Sandra Clarke.**

**The group is pushing for CPR to be taught in Grade 10 classrooms across the country.**

**"It's a wonderful opportunity to assure everyone in the country is eventually empowered with the skills to save a life," said Clarke.**

**While a few of the students may one day save a life with CPR, "there are more subtle positive outcomes," said Brooks EMS medical director Dr. Gordon Holton.**

**In the four-hour class, students will also learn to recognize risks and signs in family and friends before trouble starts, such as those with heart disease, he said.**

**Today's launch to 300 students in Brooks will be followed by schools in Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Mountain View County and Red Deer.**