



the senate. Composed mainly of faculty members, although there may also be alumni and representatives of non-academic groups included, the board is responsible for admission, courses, discipline and the awarding of degrees.

### 7.1.2 Levels of education

#### 7.1.2.1 Pre-grade 1, elementary and secondary education

Pre-grade 1 enrolment in schools is neither compulsory nor universal throughout Canada, although kindergartens for five-year-olds are part of the elementary school system in large urban centres in most provinces. Recently, an increasing number of kindergartens are accepting four-year-olds. There are also some kindergartens which are run by private individuals and which accept children of three to five years of age.

Each September, most Canadian six-year-olds enter an eight-grade publicly controlled (including separate) elementary school. At about 14 years of age, a significant proportion of those who entered grade 1 move on to a four- or five-year secondary school. Less than 3% of