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Continued Success in PAT and Diploma Exam Results

Our Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Exam results show continued success for our District while our High School Completion rates continue to climb.

Provincial Achievement Tests

- Students exceeded the provincial percentage achieving the **Acceptable Standard** in the Provincial Achievement Test results in 12 out of 14 standards.
- Grade 6 students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **Acceptable Standard** in ALL subjects.
- Grade 9 students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **Acceptable Standard** in ALL subjects.
- Grade 9 Knowledge and Employability*** students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the **Acceptable Standard** in English Language Arts and Science.
- The Edmonton Catholic School District continues to have higher participation rates than the province in ALL subject areas.

Diploma Exams

- Students exceeded or equalled the province in Diploma Exam results for at least the past **five** years in the **Acceptable Standard** for English Language Arts 30-1, English Language Arts 30-2, and Science 30 and in the **Standard of Excellence** for English Language Arts 30-2 and Mathematics 30-2.
- Students writing the Diploma Exam in Mathematics 30-1 exceeded the province for the **third** year in the **Acceptable Standard**.
- For the **second** year, students exceeded the province in the **Acceptable Standard** for Social Studies 30-1 and in the **Standard of Excellence** for English Language Arts 30-1 and Science 30.
- **This year**, students exceeded the province in Mathematics 30-2, Biology 30, and Physics 30 in the **Acceptable Standard** and students in Physics 30 equalled the province in the **Standard of Excellence**.

“These excellent results show continued growth for our students, the hard work that takes place in the classroom as well as the commitment and dedication of all staff in supporting students every day,” said Joan Carr, Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools.



The October 2018 ‘report card’ from the province has just been released and there are excellent results for Edmonton Catholic Schools. The Accountability Pillar reports are released every October and May by Alberta Education. Our District received an excellent grade on five measures, a good grade on seven measures and an acceptable grade on three measures. Edmonton Catholic Schools had better results than the province in 12 of 16 measures and no areas were identified as needing improvement.

High School Completion Rates

The Edmonton Catholic School District’s high school completion rates continue to increase. Our 3-year high school completion rate for our District for 2017 climbed to 85.6%, which is above the provincial rate of 78.0%. Our 5-year high school completion rate is even higher at 89.1% while the province is at 83.4%. In addition, our District’s drop-out rate* of 1.2% is almost half the provincial drop-out rate of 2.3%. The high school completion rate, drop-out rate, parental involvement**, and diploma excellence in our District ‘improved significantly’ according to the Accountability Pillar.

Our First Nations, Metis and Inuit (FNMI) and English Language Learners (ELL) students also continue to excel. A total of 57.8% of District FNMI students complete high school which is above the provincial average of 53.3%. The drop-out rate for our FNMI students has decreased to 3.6% and is lower than the provincial drop-out rate of 4.8%. The 3-year high school completion rate for English Language Learners in our District is 74.7% compared to the provincial rate of 74.2% and the drop-out rate for our ELL students is 1.3% compared to 2.2% for the province.

“High school completion has been and continues to be a top focus for the District,” said Laura Thibert, Board Chair. “While our results continue to increase and are higher than the provincial average, the District is working diligently towards our goal that 100% of students in the Edmonton Catholic School District will complete high school,” emphasized Thibert.

**The drop-out rate is the percentage of students aged 14-18 who drop out the following year.*

***Parental Involvement is the percentage of teachers and parents satisfied with parental involvement in decisions about their child’s education.*



****The Knowledge and Employability program offers an alternative program of study for Grade 9 students who have difficulty in one or more subject areas.*