



Students Continue to Succeed at Edmonton Catholic Schools

The 2011/12 Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) and Diploma Examination Results were brought to the Board of Trustees late today. The provincial results are released in conjunction with the October 2012 Accountability Pillar which is an Alberta Education report card for school districts throughout the province. The Accountability Pillar is released each May and October.

For the third consecutive year, the District's 3 Year High School Completion rate 'Improved Significantly' to 79.8%, an improvement of 3.3% over the previous year. In the past 5 years our High School Completion rate has improved 8.3%. This amounts to more than 200 additional students who are graduating from Edmonton Catholic high schools.

In the October 2012 Accountability Pillar, the following areas 'improved significantly' in the PAT and Diploma Examination results:

- PAT: Excellence, for an overall rating of **Excellent**
- Diploma Exam Participation Rate, for an overall rating of **Good**

Provincial Achievement Test results

- Our District continued to have higher participation rates than the province; in 2011/12 our Grade 3, 6 and 9 students exceeded provincial participation in 16 of 17 subject areas.
- Grade 6 students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the Acceptable Standard in 4 out of 5 subject areas.
- Grade 9 Knowledge and Employability* students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the Acceptable Standard in ALL subject areas.

"The Provincial Achievement Test results give us a very good indication of how all students in Grades 3, 6 and 9 are achieving," said Debbie Engel, Board Chair. "This year's results indicate areas of strength and also areas that we can improve to ensure all students have the supports they need to be successful," added Engel.

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Diploma Examination Results (Final Course Marks)

- In the past **two** years, students have met or exceeded the province in Chemistry 30 and Science 30 (both Acceptable Standard).
- In the past **three** years students have exceeded the province in English Language Arts 30-2 (Standard of Excellence) and Social Studies 30-1, Social Studies 30-2 as well as Physics 30 (all Acceptable Standard).
- In the past **five** years students have exceeded the province in English Language Arts 30-1 (both Acceptable Standard and Standard of Excellence) and English Language Arts 30-2 (Acceptable Standard).

Areas for Improvement

The October 2012 Accountability Pillar identified areas for improvement in the PAT and Diploma Examinations:

- **Provincial Achievement Tests** – The **Acceptable Standard** in French Language Arts 3 and 6 and Science 6.
- **Diploma Examination Results** – The **Standard of Excellence** for English Language Arts 30-1, French Language Arts 30-1, Pure Mathematics 30 and Applied Mathematics 30.

“We will be reviewing school by school results and identifying strategies to improve in these areas,” said Superintendent Joan Carr. “Overall our results indicate that students continue to succeed and this wouldn’t be possible without the continued dedication of teachers and the support of parents and guardians,” added Carr.