



Students Continue to Succeed at Edmonton Catholic Schools

The 2012/13 Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) and Diploma Examination Results were brought to the Board of Trustees late this afternoon. The October 2013 Accountability Pillar which is an Alberta Education report card for school districts throughout the province, was released yesterday. The Accountability Pillar is released each May and October.

In the May 2013 Accountability Pillar, the following areas improved significantly or improved:

- Drop Out Rate (Improved Significantly)
- High School Completion Rate (3yr) (Improved Significantly)
- Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility (Improved Significantly)
- Citizenship (Improved Significantly)
- Safe and Caring (Improved)
- Program of Studies (Improved)
- School Improvement (Improved)

The October 2013 report provides updated information on Provincial Achievement Test results and Diploma Examination results. Edmonton Catholic Schools improved in two areas:

- Diploma: Acceptable
- Diploma: Excellence

Only one measure declined, the PAT: Excellence standard. Achievement on this standard also declined across the Province. Overall, Edmonton Catholic Schools exceeded the Province in 13 of 16 measures.

Provincial Achievement Test results

- Our District continued to have higher participation rates than the province; in 2012/13 our Grade 3, 6 and 9 students exceeded provincial participation in 16 of 17 subject areas.
- Grade 9 students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the Acceptable Standard and Standard of Excellence in ALL subject areas.
- Grade 9 Knowledge and Employability* students exceeded the provincial percentage of students achieving the Acceptable Standard in 3 out of 4 subject areas (English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.)

“The Provincial Achievement Test results give us an opportunity to see how our jurisdiction aligns with other school districts in Alberta,” said Becky Kallal, Board Chair. “This year’s results indicate a real success in the Grade 9 curriculum giving our students a strong foundation for high school,” added Kallal.

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Diploma Examination Results (Final Course Marks)

- **This year** students have exceeded the province with respect to Mathematics 30-1 (Acceptable Standard.)
- In the past **three** years students have exceeded the province in Science 30 (Acceptable Standard.)
- In the past **four** years students have exceeded the province in English Language Arts 30-2 (Standard of Excellence) and Social Studies 30-1, Social Studies 30-2 and Physics 30 (Acceptable Standard.)
- For the last **five** years students have exceeded the province in English Language Arts 30-1 and English Language Arts 30-2 (Acceptable Standard.)

“Our next step is to review school by school results and identify strategies to improve in areas where results could be strengthened,” said Superintendent Joan Carr. “With the dedication of staff and the support of parents and guardians we continue to provide an exemplary Catholic education,” added Carr.