



Palliser Regional Schools

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Outstanding results again for Palliser students

Data collection from Grade 9 PATs and diploma exams hindered by flood

LETHBRIDGE —The release of the latest provincial test results finds students in Palliser Regional Schools continue to excel academically.

Results in the 2013 Grade 3 and 6 provincial achievement tests found extremely high percentages of Palliser students writing, passing and excelling, with roughly two in five Grade 3 students achieving excellence in Math and one in three Grade 6s achieving excellence in Science and Social Studies.

The results for Grade 9 PATs and diploma exams were “substantially impacted” by flooding, and Alberta Education cautions use of that data for comparisons and trends as a result. On Palliser’s Accountability Pillar (attached), key categories are marked “n/a” due to the dramatic reduction in exam participation caused by the flood.

Palliser schools in Calgary and Brant were closed following the flooding that began June 20 and students were excused from writing exams. Many of the nearly 50 students who attend Palliser schools from Siksika First Nation were also displaced and unable to attend school.

Grade 3 and 6 provincial achievement tests occurred before the disaster and can reliably be compared to previous years. These results demonstrate that the vast majority of Palliser students are writing and passing the exams.

“I’m proud of our students and our staff, whose hard work is reflected in these excellent academic results,” said Palliser Superintendent Kevin Gietz. “With our continued focus on supporting students’ literacy skills, I believe we can maintain, and even improve, on our already excellent results.”

Student Participation rates, Palliser and Provincial:

Gr. 3 Language Arts	2013
Palliser Schools	96.4%
Provincial Average	91.3%

Gr. 6 Mathematics	2013
Palliser Schools	97.5%
Provincial Average	90.3%

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Palliser Schools	97.0%
Provincial Average	91.5%

Grade 6 Science	2013
Palliser Schools	97.3%
Provincial Average	90.3%

Gr. 6 Language Arts	2013
Palliser Schools	98%
Provincial Average	90.8%

Gr. 6 Social Studies	2013
Palliser Schools	97.5%
Provincial Average	89.5%

*Together we will ensure learning success for all students
to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.*

Grade 3 Five-Year Trends, Students Achieving Acceptable Standard (passing)

Gr. 3 Language Arts	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Palliser Schools	92.1%	91.0%	91.7%	91.7%	92.4%
Provincial Average	81.3%	81.6%	81.8%	81.9%	81.5%

Gr. 3 Mathematics	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Palliser Schools	88.6%	87.8%	89.6%	86.8%	90.4%
Provincial Average	79.2%	75.3%	76.8%	76.1%	75.7%

Grade 3 Students Achieving the Standard of Excellence

Gr. 3 Language Arts	2013	Gr. 3 Mathematics	2013
Palliser Schools	32.5%	Palliser Schools	42.1%
Provincial Average	17.8%	Provincial Average	25.2%

Grade 6 Five-Year Trends, Students Achieving Acceptable Standard (passing)

Gr. 6 Language Arts	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Palliser Schools	91.3%	91.6%	91.8%	91.5%	91.9%
Provincial Average	81.8%	83.3%	83.0%	82.7%	82.5%

Gr. 6 Mathematics	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Palliser Schools	87.0%	86.6%	83.0%	86.4%	85.1%
Provincial Average	75.8%	72.8%	72.8%	74.1%	72.1%

Gr. 6 Science	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Palliser Schools	87.7%	86.4%	85.0%	89.5%	86.7%
Provincial Average	76.1%	76.6%	75.7%	77.4%	77.1%

Gr. 6 Social Studies	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Palliser Schools	86.6%	80.9%	81.8%	82.3%	82.6%
Provincial Average	84.4%	70.9%	71.0%	72.9%	72.2%

Grade 6 Students Achieving the Standard of Excellence

Gr. 6 Language Arts	2013	Gr. 6 Mathematics	2013
Palliser Schools	27.4%	Palliser Schools	24.4%
Provincial Average	16.3%	Provincial Average	16.3%

Gr. 6 Science	2013	Gr. 6 Social Studies	2013
Palliser Schools	38.4%	Palliser Schools	34.9%
Provincial Average	26.2%	Provincial Average	19.3%

For information on the provincial results, please visit

<http://education.alberta.ca/admin/funding/accountability/results.aspx>

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Accountability Pillar Overall Summary
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Measure Category	Measure Category Evaluation	Measure	Palliser Regional Div No. 26			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
			Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Yr Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Yr Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Safe and Caring Schools	Excellent	Safe and Caring	92.2	92.2	91.7	89.0	88.6	88.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Student Learning Opportunities	Excellent	Program of Studies	83.0	81.6	79.6	81.5	80.7	80.7	Very High	Improved Significantly	Excellent
		Education Quality	92.6	92.9	91.9	89.8	89.4	89.3	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
		Drop Out Rate	2.4	2.4	2.0	3.5	3.2	3.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
		High School Completion Rate (3 yr)	83.3	83.0	82.6	74.8	74.1	72.7	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Student Learning Achievement (Grades K-9)	n/a	PAT: Acceptable	87.4	89.1	88.7	79.0	79.1	79.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
		PAT: Excellence	29.0	29.3	28.5	18.9	20.8	19.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)	Good	Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	61.2	61.0	59.9	56.6	56.2	54.9	High	Maintained	Good
		Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate (Revised)	78.1	73.1	70.7	61.3	61.5	59.4	Very High	Improved Significantly	Excellent
	n/a	Diploma: Acceptable	89.1	89.5	89.0	84.6	83.1	82.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Diploma: Excellence	20.1	27.0	24.7	21.7	20.7	20.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	Excellent	Transition Rate (6 yr)	68.7	68.2	66.1	59.5	58.4	59.2	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
		Work Preparation	87.5	87.0	86.0	80.3	79.7	79.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
		Citizenship	87.5	88.0	86.8	83.4	82.5	82.0	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Parental Involvement	Excellent	Parental Involvement	87.1	87.3	87.0	80.3	79.7	79.8	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Continuous Improvement	Excellent	School Improvement	85.4	83.4	81.2	80.6	80.0	80.0	Very High	Improved Significantly	Excellent

Notes:

- 1) PAT results are a weighted average of the percent meeting standards (Acceptable, Excellence) on Provincial Achievement Tests. The weights are the number of students enrolled in each course. Courses included: English Language Arts (Grades 3, 6, 9), Science (Grades 6, 9), French Language Arts (Grades 3, 6, 9), Français (Grades 3, 6, 9).
- 2) Diploma results are a weighted average of percent meeting standards (Acceptable, Excellence) on Diploma Examinations. The weights are the number of students writing the Diploma Examination for each course. Courses included: English Language Arts 30-1, English Language Arts 30-2, French Language Arts 30-1, Français 30-1, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Biology 30, Science 30.
- 3) Overall evaluations can only be calculated if both improvement and achievement evaluations are available.
- 4) Results for the ACOL measures are available in the detailed report; see "ACOL Measures" in the Table of Contents.
- 5) Data values have been suppressed where the number of students is less than 6. Suppression is marked with an asterisk (*).
- 6) Please note that participation in Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests was substantially impacted by the flooding in June 2013. Caution should be used when interpreting trends over time for the province and those school authorities affected by the floods.
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