



Connections for Learning - Parkland School Division

Provincial Achievement Tests

Summary Results Report 2016 – 2017

The charts, beginning on page 2, report student achievement on Provincial Achievement Tests at Connections for Learning. Individual subjects are provided in historical detail on the pages that follow.

Some considerations:

Grade 9 results identify areas for growth:

- Grade 9 showed positive results in Social and Science, but overall, the results are reflective of a small sample size of students writing the exam. It is a challenge to assess growth or declines with a small sample set.

Grade 6 experienced growth in most subjects:

- Grade 6 showed growth in English Language Arts (ELA) and Science. Significant increases were seen within a small sample writing.

Math remains an area for increased focus:

- Math continues to be an area in need of growth at the Grade 6 and 9 levels.

General Outcomes from the PAT Results:

- In general, results are not the best indicators of performance, as only a small number of students wrote the exams.
- In a few instances, such as with our Grade 9 students, only a few students wrote the exam, which makes it difficult to assess long term trends.
- Connections for Learning's low population of students eligible to write these exams means that exam results will vary greatly from year to year.
- School Growth and School Decline at the Grade 6 level are impossible to chart, as indicators are not shown when six students or fewer write the exam. This is also true for the current year.
- Strategies for improvement include moving the exam date to January for Grade 9 students.

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Successes		Challenges	
School Growth	School Exceeds Province	Province Exceeds School	School Decline
Acceptable Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ELA 6 (+11.1) ● Science 6 (+11.1) ● ELA 9 (+25.0) ● Science 9 (+9.1) ● Social 9 (+8.3) 	Standard of Excellence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Science 6 (1.2) 	Standard of Excellence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ELA 6 (-7.8) ● Math 6 (-12.3) ● Science 6 (-18.4) ● Social 6 (-11.3) ● ELA 9 (-14.9) ● Math 9 (-18.7) ● Science 9 (-21.3) ● Social 9 (-20.2) Acceptable Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ELA 6 (-4.7) ● Math 6 (-35.1) ● Social 6 (-39.3) ● ELA 9 (-51.8) ● Math 9 (-66.2) ● Science 9 (-64.1) ● Social 9 (-58.0) 	Standard of Excellence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ELA 6 (-7.8) ● Science 6 (-22.2) ● Social 6 (-11.1) ● Math 9 (-6.7) Acceptable Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Math 6 (-11.1) ● Social 6 (-33.4) ● Math 9 (-6.7)

PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

The great majority of Parkland School Division students write the Provincial Achievement Tests. Participation rates are helpful at understanding performance standards that are based on all students enrolled. +/- Represents the change in performance from previous year

Subject	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 6									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	82.8	82.9	82.5	83.8	85.2	84.2	33.3	66.7	77.8	+11.1
Excellence	19.5	20.4	18.9	14.0	15.9	15.2	16.7	11.1	11.1	0.0
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta		PSD		CFL		
				90.2%		94.9%		88.9%		

Subject	MATHEMATICS 6									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	72.5	71.4	68.4	70.3	69.7	62.4	50.0	44.4	33.3	-11.1
Excellence	13.8	13.8	12.3	7.2	8.2	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta		PSD		CFL		
				89.9%		94.1%		77.8%		

Subject	SCIENCE 6									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	76.0	77.6	76.6	78.6	79.2	76.3	33.3	66.7	77.8	+11.1
Excellence	25.9	27.7	29.5	17.6	19.1	23.5	16.7	33.3	11.1	-22.2
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta		PSD		CFL		
				89.1%		94.6%		77.8%		

Subject	SOCIAL STUDIES 6									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	69.6	71.1	72.6	67.4	69.7	70.7	33.3	66.7	33.3	-33.4
Excellence	18.7	22.6	22.4	11.0	14.0	18.1	0.0	22.2	11.1	-11.1
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta		PSD		CFL		
				89.3%		94.6%		88.9%		

Subject	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 9									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	75.6	77.0	76.8	77.5	72.7	75.1	21.7	0.0	25.0	+25.0
Excellence	14.4	15.2	14.9	9.8	9.3	10.7	8.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta			PSD		CFL	
				88.8%			94.9%		50.0%	

Subject	KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY LANGUAGE ARTS 9									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	63.0	59.8	58.8	91.7	66.7	66.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Excellence	4.5	6.2	5.9	0	0	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta			PSD		CFL	
				79.7%			73.3%		0.0	

Subject	MATHEMATICS 9									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	64.0	66.7	66.2	66.5	60.9	63.3	20.0	6.7	0.0	-6.7
Excellence	17.5	17.2	18.7	11.4	12.0	15.3	5.0	6.7	0.0	-6.7
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta			PSD		CFL	
				88.5%			94.5%		36.4%	

Subject	KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY MATHEMATICS 9									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	60.6	60.7	57.0	66.7	60.0	40.0	n/a	n/a	0.0	
Excellence	14.4	12.7	13.3	26.7	-	-	n/a	n/a	0.0	
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta			PSD		CFL	
				84.7%			73.3%		50.0%	

Subject	SCIENCE 9									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	73.3	73.5	73.2	79.1	70.3	70.4	35.0	0.0	9.1	+9.1
Excellence	22.8	22.5	21.3	21.3	15.7	15.9	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta		PSD		CFL		
				88.8%		94.2%		45.5%		

Subject	KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY SCIENCE 9									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	64.6	63.6	63.8	73.3	77.8	40.0	n/a	n/a	0.0	
Excellence	15.3	14.5	13.4	20.0	-	13.3	n/a	n/a	0.0	
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta		PSD		CFL		
				83.4%		73.3%		50.0%		

Subject	SOCIAL STUDIES 9									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	64.4	64.0	66.3	65.3	55.6	62.9	20.0	0.0	8.3	+8.3
Excellence	20.0	18.3	20.2	14.8	10.2	15.7	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta		PSD		CFL		
				88.8%		94.5%		41.7%		

Subject	KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY SOCIAL STUDIES 9									
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			CFL			
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-
Acceptable	57.3	57.7	56.3	66.7	55.6	42.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Excellence	11.1	11.8	12.7	13.3	-	7.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	
2017 Participation amount by percentage of students				Alberta		PSD		CFL		
				83.1%		85.7%		0.0		