
PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT

Background

The Division believes in the importance and value of the Provincial Student Assessment Program for Grades 3, 6 and 9 and the Diploma Examinations program in providing information necessary for the Annual Education Results Report and School Continuous Improvement Plans, and for the continued monitoring of programs to ensure that students have the opportunity to meet the standards of education set by the Minister.

Procedures

1. All students in the Division will participate in achievement testing and diploma examinations as prescribed by Alberta Education. Individual students may be exempted from these only in accordance with Alberta Education's testing policy, and only in exceptional circumstances.
 - 1.1 Provincial Achievement Tests will be administered to all students in grades 6 and 9, including those on Home Education programs, on the dates set by Alberta Education. Diploma Examinations will be on the dates set by Alberta Education.
 - 1.2 Student Learning Assessments will be administered to all students in Grade 3 as prescribed Alberta Education.
 - 1.3 Students in Grades 6 and 9 who are on an Individualized Support Plan and students with learning or physical disabilities may be exempt from taking provincial achievement tests only in extreme circumstances and only with the approval of the Office of the Superintendent.
 - 1.4 The results of Provincial Achievement Tests for a school will be shared with parents and school communities. These results will be shared as part of the School Continuous Improvement Plan to parents and will be posted on the school's web page.
 - 1.5 The results of Provincial Achievement Tests for individual students will be shared with the parents of the student.
 - 1.6 Staff will work collaboratively to interpret the results of Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Examinations and make any needed program changes.

Reference: Section 33, 196 Education Act
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12
General Information Bulletin Grades 6 and 9 Alberta Provincial Achievement Testing
General Information Bulletin Diploma Examinations

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