# Greater St. Albert 

 Catholic Schools
## District Results

## 2017-2018

## Full Report \& Presentation (Public release of results: October 18, 2018)

## District Results Review 2017-2018

## Introduction

To further our work on our District's Three-Year Education Plan 2018-2021, Outcome One: Alberta's Students Are Successful, in this report, the Board is provided with an overview of assessments used in our jurisdiction to ensure students' success. These assessments include: Grade 3 Student Learning Assessments (SLAs), Grades 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diploma (DIPs) Examination results. To provide a context for such a review and analysis, it is important to recognize provincial requirements for teacher assessment.

## Provincial Requirements for Teacher Assessment

In Alberta, teachers are expected to assess students' progress on outcomes as prescribed by Alberta Education's programs of study (Teaching Quality Standard, 2018, Section 3c). Teachers typically gather information about students' learning before(diagnostic), during(formative), and after(summative) instruction:

- Diagnostic assessments: are used at the start of instruction (e.g., unit of study, project) to determine what students know and can do, and what gaps exist in students' learning to plan on what to emphasize in instruction. Example: Diagnostic reading assessment.
- Formative assessments: are considered to be most important by foundational assessment researchers (Wiliam, 2017; Hattie, 2015) because information is gathered by teachers during instruction, which assists both students and teachers to know precisely what students need to learn next to move their learning forward. Example: "feedback only" tests.
- Summative assessments: are what we often think of as unit tests (although there are other forms of summative assessments) that allow both students and teachers to see how well students have learned outcomes in prescribed programs of study. Example: Provincial achievement tests (PATs) and Diploma Examinations (DIPs) are summative assessments that happen at the end of a period of instruction in grades 6, 9, and 12.


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## Grade 3 Student Learning Assessment (SLA)

- How it began:In 2013-2014, all Grade 3 teachers in Alberta administered the Grade 3 Student Learning Assessment (SLA), which assesses students' knowledge and skills based on the Grade 2 Math curriculum and math and numeracy progressions.
- What it is. The SLA has 4 parts: an English language arts performance task; a math performance task; English language arts multiple-choice questions; and math multiplechoice questions. The SLA is intended to be a diagnostic assessment used by Grade 3 teachers at the start of the year to identify gaps in students' learning to shape their teaching to be responsive to students' needs. Teachers choose which of the four parts to administer.
- Teacher feedback. In 2014-2015, feedback from Grade 3 teachers across the province indicated that the SLA was onerous to administer (it took many days to administer and mark).
- Government response. In 2015-2016, Alberta Education responded to teacher feedback by selecting 20 school jurisdictions (GSACRD applied but was not selected) to engage in an intensive pilot study of the SLA to make necessary revisions to the assessment. In 2017-present, that pilot study continues with the selected jurisdictions. In 2018, Grade 3 SLAs were to be administered based on teacher discretion.
- District response. From 2017-present, we have supported interested Grade 3 teachers to attend a half-day session (substitute paid by Learning Services) to learn about the SLA and to choose whether to administer one or more SLA tasks. Our District Literacy and Numeracy Consultants led this session on September 19, 2018; seven Grade 3 teachers attended and their feedback was positive; six confirmed that they will administer one or more parts of the SLA. A second full day (substitute paid by Learning Services) for collaborative marking is scheduled for November $8^{\text {th }}$ or $13^{\text {th }}$ for interested Grade 3 teachers. Since teacher feedback has been very positive and the SLA is likely to become mandatory, it is important to continue to support teachers to administer and assess SLA tasks and to teach using performance tasks (active application of content to real world contexts) in Mathematics and Language Arts.


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## Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test Results

Figure 1.0 shows how well our Grade 6 students achieved compared to the Province (Achievement Column), improved compared to the District Three-Year Average(Improvement Column), and performed Overall (Overall Column uses a statistical formula to determine the results of achievement and improvement for 2018).

Figure 1.0 District Accountability Pillar October 2018
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|  |  | Greater St. Albert CSSD No. 734 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Alberta |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Achievement | Improvement | Overall | 2018 |  | Prev 3 Year Average |  | 2018 |  | Prev 3 Year Average |  |
| Course | Measure |  |  |  | N | \% | N | \% | N | \% | N | \% |
| English Language Arts 6 | Acceptable Standard | Very High | mproved | Excellent | 434 | 94.9 | 469 | 92.7 | 51,540 | 83.5 | 48.248 | 82.7 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Very High | Maintained | Excellent | 434 | 22.6 | 469 | 21.0 | 51,540 | 17.9 | 48,248 | 19.6 |
| French Language Arts 6 | Acceptable Standard | Intermedate | Maintained | Acceptable | 123 | 82.9 | 101 | 87.3 | 3326 | 85.2 | 3,007 | 86.8 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Intermediate | Maintained | Acceptable | 123 | 12.2 | 101 | 14.4 | 3.326 | 123 | 3,007 | 13.7 |
| Erancas 6 | Acceptable Standard | n/a | n/a | n'a | n/a | Na | n/a | nua | 611 | 93.3 | 528 | 90.8 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | noa | n'a | n/a | Na | na | N/a | na | 611 | 23.1 | 528 | 18.0 |
| Mathematics 6 | Acceptable Standard | High | Maintained | Good | 434 | 82.3 | 469 | 83.2 | 51,486 | 72.9 | 48.172 | 71.6 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Intermediate | Maintained | Acceptable | 434 | 17.1 | 469 | 16.8 | 51,486 | 14.0 | 48,172 | 13.6 |
| Scionce. 6 | Acceptable Standard | High | Maintained | Good | 434 | 87.3 | 469 | 88.5 | 51,517 | 78.8 | 48,180 | 77.1 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Very High | mproved | Excellent | 434 | 37.3 | 469 | 33.7 | 51,517 | 30.5 | 48,180 | 27.1 |
| Social Studies 6 | Acceptable Standard | High | Maintained | Good | 434 | 83.2 | 469 | 82.2 | 51,525 | 75.1 | 48,170 | 71.4 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Hish | Improved Sveniticantly | Good | 434 | 28.8 | 469 | 229 | 51,525 | 23.2 | 48,170 | 20.6 |

Grade 6 students perform at Excellent or Good for 7 out of 10 standards Overall.
The subjects most worthy of notice and celebration are:
Acceptable Standard:

- English Language Arts 6: Students outperformed (+2.2) our District Three-year Average and (+11.4) the province at the Acceptable Standard.
- Social Studies 6: Grade 6 students outperformed (+1.0) our District Three-year Average and ( +8.1 ) the province.


## Standard of Excellence:

- Social Studies 6: Students outperformed (+5.9) our District Three-year Average and (+5.6) the province at the Standard of Excellence.
- Science 6: Students outperformed (+3.6) our District Three-Year Average and (+6.8) the province at the Standard of Excellence.

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| Subjects | Standard | IMPROVEMENT <br> District Three-year Average | ACHIEVEMENT <br> Provincial Results 2018 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| English Language Arts 6 | Acceptable Standard | +2.2 | +11.4 |  |
| Social Studies 6 | Acceptable Standard | +1.0 | +8.1 |  |
| Science 6 | Acceptable Standard | -1.2 | +8.5 |  |
| Math 6 | Acceptable Standard | -0.9 | +9.4 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Social Studies 6 | Standard of Excellence | +5.9 | +5.6 |  |
| Math 6 | Standard of Excellence | +0.3 | +3.1 |  |
| English Language Arts 6 | Standard of Excellence | +1.6 | +6.7 |  |
| Science 6 | Standard of Excellence | +3.6 |  |  |

## Grade 6 PAT 2018 Highlights:

- Acceptable Standard:
o In 2018, students performed, on average, (+ 4.6) higher than the province at the Acceptable Standard for ALL core subjects (Fig.1.0, Appendix).
o Over the last 5 years, students performed, on average, (+10.9) higher than the province at the Acceptable Standard for ALL core subjects written in English (Fig. 2.0, Appendix).
- Standard of Excellence:
o In 2018, students performed, on average, (+2.1) higher than the province at the Standard of Excellence in ALL core subjects. (Fig. 1.0, Appendix).
o Over the last 5 years, students performed, on average, (+5.7) higher than the province at the Standard of Excellence in ALL core subjects written in English (Fig. 2.0, Appendix).
- Grade 6 Subject-based Performance:
o In 2018, GSACRD Grade 6 students far exceeded the province:

| English Language Arts 6 | $+11.4 /+4.7$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Math 6 (English) | $+9.1 /+5.8$ |
| Science 6 | $+9.7 /+13.2$ |
| Social Studies 6 | $+12.6 /+13.3$ |

Acceptable Standard/Standard of Excellence

- English Language Arts 6: greatest gains in reading (+6.6) for high-level questions (e.g., Text Structure questions- using the appearance of the text to assist comprehension).
- Math 6 (English): greatest gains in Part A (timed calculations) in two operations that are typically the hardest for students, (+7.5) Subtraction and (+7.5) Division. Last year, Part A was new, so this is only the second year that students have written it.
- Science 6: greatest gains in Inquiry and Problem Solving (+6.3).
- Social Studies 6: greatest gains in in Democratic Principles, Government, and Iroquois Confederacy.


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Grade 6 PAT Five-Year Highlights:

- ENGLISH ACCEPTABLE STANDARD: Over the last five years, GSACRD Grade 6 students far exceeded the province at the Acceptable Standard (+10.9) in four core subjects written in English (Figure 2.0, Appendix).
- ENGLISH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE: Over the last 5 years, GSACRD Grade 6 students performed, on average, (+5.7) higher than the province at the Standard of Excellence in ALL core subjects written in English (Fig. 2.0, Appendix).
- FRENCH ACCEPTABLE STANDARD: Over the last 5 year, GSACRD Grade 6 students exceeded the province at the Acceptable Standard (+2.2) in the four core subjects written in French (Figure 2.0, Appendix).
- OVERALL: Over the last five years, GSACRD Grade 6 students have excelled in Science 6, English at both the Acceptable Standard (+11.2) and Standard of Excellence (+9.8), and Social 6, English at the Acceptable Standard (+12.6) and Standard of Excellence (+7.1) (Figure 2.0, Appendix).


## Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Test Results and Analysis

Figure 3.0 shows how well our Grade 9 students achieved compared to the Province (Achievement Column), improved compared to the District Three-Year Average(Improvement Column), and performed Overall(Overall Column uses a statistical formula to determine the results of achievement and improvement for 2018).

Figure 3.0 District Accountability Pillar October 2018


| English Language Ars 9 | Acceptable Standard | High | Maintained | Good | 486 | 87.4 | 516 | 87.9 | 46,822 | 76.1 | 44,296 | 76.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Intermediate | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Decined } \\ & \text { Significantly } \end{aligned}$ | Issue | 486 | 9.5 | 516 | 15.8 | 46,822 | 14.7 | 44,296 | 14.9 |
| English Lang Arts 9 KAE | Acceptable Standard | High | Improved | Good | 11 | 90.9 | 12 | 73.4 | 1,588 | 55.7 | 1.543 | 60.5 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Low | Maintained | Issue | 11 | 0.0 | 12 | 3.8 | 1,588 | 5.9 | 1,543 | 5.6 |
| French Language Ars ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Acceptable Standard | Intermediate | Maintained | Acceptable | 97 | 86.6 | 107 | 89.5 | 2,899 | 81.4 | 2,660 | 84.0 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Very Low | Decined Significantly | Concem | 97 | 1.0 | 107 | 8.7 | 2.899 | 9.8 | 2,660 | 10.7 |
| Erancais? | Acceptable Standard | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 358 | 82.7 | 391 | 87.9 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 358 | 22.3 | 391 | 24.4 |
| Mathematics 2 | Acceptable Standard | Intermediate | Declined Significantly | 1 Issue | 478 | 71.1 | 509 | 80.0 | 46,603 | 59.2 | 43,851 | 66.8 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Low | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Decined } \\ & \text { Significantly } \end{aligned}$ | Concem | 478 | 10.9 | 509 | 17.7 | 46,603 | 15.0 | 43,851 | 18.1 |
| Mathematics 9 KAE | Acceptable Standard | High | Maintained | Good | 19 | 84.2 | 16 | 76.7 | 2,049 | 57.4 | 1,983 | 59.9 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Low | Declined | Issue | 19 | 5.3 | 16 | 17.1 | 2,049 | 13.6 | 1,983 | 13.6 |
| Science 9 | Acceptable Standard | Very High | Improved | Excellent | 483 | 87.0 | 512 | 84.4 | 46,810 | 75.7 | 44,341 | 74.1 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Very High | Maintained | Excellent | 483 | 20.7 | 512 | 21.6 | 46,810 | 24.4 | 44,341 | 22.2 |
| Science 9 KAE | Acceptable Standard | High | Maintained | Good | 14 | 78.6 | 13 | 74.4 | 1.528 | 64.6 | 1.522 | 64.1 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Low | Declined | Issue | 14 | 0.0 | 13 | 12.8 | 1,528 | 12.3 | 1,522 | 14.3 |
| Social Studies 9 | Acceptable Standard | High | Maintained | Good | 486 | 76.5 | 515 | 74.2 | 46,840 | 66.7 | 44,267 | 65.6 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | High | Improved | Good | 486 | 23.5 | 515 | 20.6 | 46,840 | 21.5 | 44,267 | 19.4 |
| Social Studies 9 KAE | Acceptable Standard | Very High | Improved Significantly Significantly | Excellent | 11 | 90.9 | 13 | 50.3 | 1,501 | 55.2 | 1,493 | 57.2 |
|  | Standard of Excellence | Intermediate | Maintained | Acceptable | 11 | 9.1 | 13 | 23.4 | 1,501 | 14.2 | 1.493 | 11.8 |

Grade 9 students perform at Excellent or Good for 9 out of 18 standards Overall.

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## Accountability Pillar Most Notable Improvements:

The subjects most worthy of notice and celebration are:

## Acceptable Standard:

- Science 9: Students outperformed (+2.6) our District Three-year Average and (+11.3) the province.
- Social Studies 9: Students outperformed (+2.3) our District Three-year Average and (+9.8) the province.


## Standard of Excellence:

- Social Studies 9: Students outperformed (+2.9) our District Three-year Average and (+2.0) the province.

Figure 4.0 Notable improvements

| Subjects | Standard | IMPROVEMENT <br> District Three-year Average | ACHIEVEMENT <br> Provincial Results 2018 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English Language Arts 9 | Acceptable Standard | -0.5 | +11.3 |  |
| English Language Arts K \& E | Acceptable Standard | +17.5 | +35.2 |  |
| Mathematics 9 K \& E | Acceptable Standard | +7.5 | +26.8 |  |
| Science 9 | Acceptable Standard | +2.6 | +11.3 |  |
| Science 9 K \& E | Acceptable Standard | +4.2 | +14.0 |  |
| Social Studies 9 | Acceptable Standard | +2.3 | +9.8 |  |
| Social Studies K \& E | Acceptable Standard | +30.6 | +35.7 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Science 9 | Standard of Excellence | -0.9 | +2.9 |  |
| Social Studies 9 | Standard of Excellence | -14.3 | -5.1 |  |
| Social Studies 9 K \& E | Standard of Excellence |  |  |  |

Grade 9 PAT 2018 Highlights:

## - Acceptable Standard:

o In 2018, GSACRD Grade 9 students performed, on average, (+14.2) higher than the province at the Acceptable Standard for ALL core subjects (Fig.3.0, Appendix).
o Over the last 5 years, GSACRD Grade 9 students performed, on average, (+ 13.0) higher than the province at the Acceptable Standard for ALL core subjects (Fig. 4.0, Appendix).

- Standard of Excellence:
o Over the last 5 years, GSACRD Grade 9 students performed, on average, (+0.9) higher than the province at the Standard of Excellence in ALL core subjects (Fig. 4.0, Appendix).
- Grade 9 Subject-based Performance:
o In 2018, GSACRD Grade 9 students far exceeded the province in

| Social Studies 9 | $+9.8 /+4.1$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| English Language Arts 9 | +11.3 |
| Math 9 (English) | +10.8 |
| Science 9 | +10.9 |

Acceptable Standard/Standard of Excellence

- English Language Arts 9: greatest gains in reading (+1.5) narrative/poetic texts and answering high-level questions (e.g., Synthesizing ideas).
- Math 9: greatest gains in Part A (timed calculations) square root questions (+2.5).
- Science 9: greatest gains in Inquiry and Problem Solving (+6.3).
- Social Studies 9: greatest gains in in Political and Judicial Systems (+1.8).

Grade 9 PAT Five-Year Highlights:

- ENGLISH ACCEPTABLE STANDARD: Over the last five years, GSACRD Grade 9 students far exceeded the province at the Acceptable Standard (+10.9) in the four core subjects written in English (Figure 4.0, Appendix).
- ENGLISH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE: Over the last 5 years, GSACRD Grade 9 students performed, on average, (+0.6) higher than the province at the Standard of Excellence in ALL core subjects written in English (Fig. 4.0, Appendix).
- FRENCH ACCEPTABLE STANDARD -Over the last 5 year, GSACRD Grade 9 students exceeded the province at the Acceptable Standard (+3.1) in the four core subjects written in French (Figure 4.0, Appendix).
- OVERALL-Over the last five years, GSACRD Grade 9 students have excelled at the (+9.7) Acceptable Standard in both languages in all subjects overall, and in Math 9, English at the Acceptable Standard (+11.9) and Social 9, English at the Acceptable Standard (+9.3) and Standard of Excellence (+3.7) (Figure 4.0, Appendix).


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## Diploma Results

Figure 5.0 shows how well our Grade 12 students achieved compared to the Province (Achievement Column), improved compared to the District Three-Year Average(Improvement Column), and performed Overall(Overall Column uses a statistical formula to determine the results of achievement and improvement for 2018).

Figure 5.0 District Accountability Pillar October 2018

Diploma Exam Results Course By Course Summary With Measure Evaluation
Authority: 4077 Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734

|  |  | Greater St. Albert CSSD No. 734 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Alberta |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Achievement | Improvement | Overall | 2018 |  | Prev 3 Year Average |  | 2018 |  | Prev 3 Year Average |  |
| Course | Measure |  |  |  | N | \% | N | \% | N | \% | N | \% |
| English Lang Arts 30-1 | Diploma Exarnination Acceptable Standard | High | Declined | Acceptable | 247 | 91.1 | 234 | 93.6 | 30.393 | 87.5 | 29.349 | 86.6 |
|  | Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence | Hah | Maintained | Good | 247 | 14.2 | 234 | 13.0 | 30,393 | 13.2 | 29,349 | 11.3 |
| English Lang Arts 30-2 | Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard | High | Maintained | Good | 133 | 94.7 | 130 | 94.3 | 16.184 | 88.0 | 16,632 | 89.1 |
|  | Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence | High | Maintained | Good | 133 | 17.3 | 130 | 17.3 | 16,184 | 13.1 | 16,632 | 11.7 |
| French Lang Arts 30-1 | Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard | Low | Declined | Issue | 35 | 85.7 | 29 | 94.9 | 1,230 | 93.8 | 1.312 | 94.6 |
|  | Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence | Low | Maintained | Issue | 35 | 2.9 | 29 | 5.8 | 1,230 | 11.0 | 1.312 | 9.3 |
| Erancais 30-1 | Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard | n/a | n/a | N/a | n/a | n/a | n'a | n'a | 152 | 97.4 | 146 | 97.6 |
|  | Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence | na | n/a | n/a | n/a | Na | na | na | 152 | 23.0 | 146 | 18.6 |
| Mathematics 30-1 | Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard | n/a | n/a | n/a | 150 | 78.0 | 151 | 71.0 | 20.148 | 778 | 20.605 | 73.3 |
|  | Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence | n/a | n'a | n/a | 150 | 25.3 | 151 | 24.2 | 20,148 | 35.3 | 20,605 | 29.4 |
| Mathematics 30-2 | Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard | na | n/a | n/a | 148 | 70.3 | 149 | 76.6 | 14,362 | 74.2 | 13,516 | 74.7 |
|  | Diploma Exarnination Standard of Excelience | n/a | n'a | n/a | 148 | 10.8 | 149 | 16.4 | 14,362 | 16.4 | 13,516 | 16.1 |
| Social Studies 30-1 | Diploma Examination Acceptatile Standard | Intermediate | Maintained | Accaptatle | 197 | 85.8 | 197 | 87.4 | 21.793 | 86.2 | 21,941 | 86.0 |
|  | Diploma Exarnination Standard of Excellence | Intermediate | Maintained | Acceptable | 197 | 10.7 | 197 | 12.6 | 21.793 | 17.7 | 21,941 | 15.1 |
| Social Studies 30-2 | Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard | Intermediate | Maintained | Acceptable | 160 | 80.6 | 140 | 80.9 | 20,391 | 78.8 | 19,847 | 81.0 |
|  | Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence | Intermediate | Maintained | Acceptable | 160 | 10.0 | 140 | 8.4 | 20.391 | 12.2 | 19.847 | 127 |
| Blokgy 30 | Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard | +6.gh | Declined | Acceptable | 203 | 85.7 | 197 | 90.0 | 23.028 | 86.6 | 22.263 | 85.0 |
|  | Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence | Very High | Maintained | Exceilent | 203 | 39.4 | 197 | 337 | 23.028 | 38.6 | 22.263 | 32.6 |
| Chemistry 30 | Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard | High | Decined | Accoptabile | 164 | 81.1 | 171 | 86.0 | 18.770 | 83.6 | 19.031 | 82.3 |
|  | Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence | Very High | Maintained | Excellont | 164 | 372 | 171 | 32.6 | 18.770 | 38.3 | 19.031 | 358 |
| Physics 30 | Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard | Very High | Maintained | Excellont | 92 | 91.3 | 83 | 88.6 | 9,679 | 86.2 | 10.276 | 85.1 |
|  | Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence | High | Maintained | Good | 92 | 39.1 | 83 | 323 | 9,679 | 43.6 | 10.276 | 39.1 |
| Science 30 | Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard | Intermediate | Decinod Sivniticantly | Issue | 90 | 83.3 | 85 | 93.0 | 9.426 | 85.4 | 8.651 | 84.4 |
|  | Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence | High | Maintained | Good | 90 | 28.9 | 85 | 36.0 | 9,426 | 31.5 | 8.651 | 27.6 |

Grade 12 students perform at Excellent or Good for 8 out of 18 standards Overall.

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## Accountability Pillar Most Notable Improvements:

The subjects most worthy of notice and celebration are:

## Acceptable Standard:

- Physics 30 Acceptable Standard (+4.7) District Three-year Average and (+5.1) province.
- English 30-2 Acceptable Standard (+0.4) District Three-year Average and (+6.7) province.


## Standard of Excellence:

- Biology 30 Standard of Excellence (+2.3) District Three-year Average and (+1.8) province.
- Chemistry 30 Standard of Excellence (+4.6) District Three-year Average.

Figure 6.0 Notable Improvements

| Subjects | Standard | IMPROVEMENT <br> District Three-year Average | ACHIEVEMENT <br> Provincial Results 2018 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Physics 30 | Acceptable Standard | +4.7 | +5.1 |
| English 30-2 | Acceptable Standard | +0.4 | +6.7 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Biology 30 | Standard of Excellence | +2.3 | +1.8 |
| Chemistry 30 | Standard of Excellence | +4.6 | -1.1 |
| English 30-1 | Standard of Excellence | +1.2 | +1.0 |
| English 30-2 | Standard of Excellence | 0.0 | +4.2 |
| Physics 30 | Standard of Excellence | +6.8 | -4.5 |
| Science 30 | Standard of Excellence | -7.1 | -2.6 |

## 2018 Diploma Subject Highlights:

- Acceptable Standard:
o In 2018, our students performed, on average, about the same (-0.05) as the province at the Acceptable Standard for ALL core subjects.
- Over the last 5 years, GSACRD Grade 12 students performed, on average (+2.5) higher than the province at the Acceptable Standard for ALL core subjects.


## Standard of Excellence:

o In 2018, GSACRD Grade 12 students performed, on average, slightly above the province ( +0.23 ) than the province at the Standard of Excellence in ALL core subjects (Fig. 5.0, Appendix).
o Over the last 5 years, GSACRD Grade 12 students performed, on average, slightly below the province (-0.6) higher than the province at the Standard of Excellence in ALL core subjects (Fig. 6.0, Appendix).

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o In 2018, GSACRD Grade 12 students far exceeded the district three-year average and the provincial average in

Physics $30 \quad+4.7 /+5.1$
Acceptable Standard/Standard of Excellence

- English Language Arts 30-2: greatest gains in reading (+2.7) when answering high-level questions (inferring, applying, analyzing) based on January and June diploma examination results.
- Physics 30: greatest gains in answering questions about electromagnetic radiation (+5.3) based on June diploma examination results.
- Biology 30: greatest gains in answering questions about cell division and genetics (+1.7) based on January and June diploma examination results.
- Chemistry 30: greatest gains in answering questions about Electrochemical changes (+1.6) based on January diploma examination results.


## Looking Ahead

- Grade 6:
o focus on improving at the Acceptable Standard and Standard of Excellence in: Social Studies 6 (French), French Language Arts 6.
o focus on improving at the Standard of Excellence in: Math 6 (French).
o focus on sustaining improvement in Math (English).
- Grade 9:
o focus on the improving at the Standard of Excellence in: English Language Arts 9, English Language Arts K \& E 9, French Language Arts 9, Math 9, Math K \& E 9, Science K \& E 9, Social Studies K \& E 9.
o ensure that students who are taking $K \& E$ programs of study require them and are not requiring differentiation in regular grade 9 programming.
- High School focus on improving or sustaining improvement:
o English 30-1 (Acceptable Standard)
o French 30-1 (Acceptable Standard and Standard of Excellence)
o Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Science 30 (Acceptable Standard)
o Chemistry 30 and Physics 30 (Standard of Excellence)
o English students at the Acceptable Standard
o Math 30-1 (Acceptable Standard and Standrad of Excellence)
o Social 30-1 and 30-2 (Standard of Excellence)
o iLearn and French students (Standard of Excellence)


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## APPENDIX

Figure 1.0 District Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test Results 2018 (Full Cohort-all students)

|  | Acceptable Standard |  |  | Standard of Excellence |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | GSACRD | Province | +/- | GSACRD | Province | +/- |
| Grade 6 Subjects |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. English Language Arts 6 | 94.9 | 83.5 | +11.4 | 22.6 | 17.9 | +4.7 |
| 2. Math 6 English | 81.0 | 71.9 | +9.1 | 19.3 | 13.5 | +5.8 |
| 3. Math 6 French | 85.4 | 85.3 | +0.1 | 11.4 | 19.4 | -8.0 |
| 4. Science 6 English | 88.1 | 78.4 | +9.7 | 44.4 | 31.2 | +13.2 |
| 5. Science 6 French | 85.4 | 83.7 | +1.7 | 19.5 | 22.7 | -3.2 |
| 6. Social Studies 6 English | 87.5 | 74.9 | +12.6 | 37.0 | 23.7 | +13.3 |
| 7. Social Studies 6 French | 72.4 | 77.8 | -5.4 | 8.1 | 16.9 | -8.8 |
| 8. French Language Arts 6 | 82.9 | 85.2 | -2.3 | 12.2 | 12.3 | -0.1 |
| English Avg.+/- |  |  | +10.7 |  |  | +9.25 |
| French Avg.+/- |  |  | -1.5 |  |  | -5.0 |
| Overall Avg. +/- |  |  | +4.6 |  |  | +2.1 |

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Figure 2.0 Five-Year Trends for Grade 6 PATs


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Figure 3.0 District Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Test Results 2018 (Full Cohort-all students)

| Grade 9 Subjects |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Acceptable Standard |  |  | Standard of Excellence |  |  |
|  | GSACRD | Prov. | +/- | GSACRD | Prov. | +/- |
| 1. English Language Arts 9 | 87.4 | 76.1 | +11.3 | 9.5 | 14.7 | -5.2 |
| 2. ELA 9 K \& E | 90.9 | 55.7 | +35.2 | 0.0 | 5.9 | -5.9 |
| 3. Math 9 English | 68.8 | 58.0 | +10.8 | 10.5 | 14.5 | -4.0 |
| 4. Math 9 French | 80.2 | 77.5 | +2.7 | 12.5 | 22.1 | -9.6 |
| 5. Math 9 K \& E | 84.2 | 57.1 | +27.1 | 5.3 | 13.8 | -8.5 |
| 6. Science 9 English | 85.8 | 75.0 | +10.8 | 21.4 | 24.4 | -3.0 |
| 7. Science 9 French | 91.7 | 86.3 | +5.4 | 17.7 | 25.1 | -7.4 |
| 8. Science 9 K \& E | 78.6 | 64.7 | +13.9 | 0.0 | 12.3 | -12.3 |
| 9. Social Studies 9 English | 75.8 | 66.0 | +9.8 | 25.7 | 21.6 | +4.1 |
| 10. Social Studies 9 French | 79.4 | 76.8 | +2.6 | 14.4 | 20.0 | -5.6 |
| 11. Social Studies 9 K \& E | 90.9 | 55.0 | +35.9 | 9.1 | 14.3 | -5.2 |
| 12. French Language Arts 9 | 86.6 | 81.4 | +5.2 | 1.0 | 9.8 | -8.8 |
| English Avg. +/- |  |  | +10.7 |  |  | -2.0 |
| French Avg. +/- |  |  | +3.97 |  |  | -7.9 |
| Overall Avg. +/- |  |  | +14.2 |  |  | -6.0 |

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Figure 4.0 Five-Year Trends for Grade 9 PATs


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Figure 5.0 District Diploma Exam Results 2018 (Full Cohort-all students)

| Acceptable | Achievement |  | Improvement |  |  | Excellent | Achievement |  | Improvement |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | District <br> 2018 | Prov. 2018 | +/- | DISTRICT <br> 3-Year <br> Average | +/- | District <br> 2018 | Prov. <br> 2018 | +/- | DISTRICT <br> 3-Year <br> Average | +/- |
| English 30-1 | 91.1 | 87.5 | +3.6 | 93.6 | -2.5 | 14.2 | 13.2 | +1 | 13 | +1.2 |
| English 30-1 iLearn | 98.3 | 97.8 | +0.5 | n/a | n/a | 18.1 | 24.1 | -6.0 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| English 30-2 | 94.7 | 88 | +6.7 | 94.3 | +0.4 | 17.3 | 13.1 | +4.2 | 17.3 | 0.0 |
| English 30-2 iLearn | 98.4 | 95.2 | +3.2 | n/a | 7.8 | 7.8 | 9.4 | -1.6 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| French 30-1 (ALL) | 85.7 | 93.8 | -8.1 | 94.9 | -9.2 | 2.9 | 11 | -8.1 | 5.8 | -2.9 |
| Math 30-1 | 78.0 | 77.8 | +0.2 | 71.0 | +7 | 25.3 | 35.3 | -10 | 24.2 | +1.1 |
| Math 30-1 English (June) | 97.9 | 92.1 | +5.8 | n/a | n/a | 45.8 | 38.1 | +7.7 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Math 30-1 French | 94.1 | 94.5 | -0.4 | n/a | n/a | 35.3 | 42.9 | -7.6 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Math 30-2 | 70.3 | 74.2 | -3.9 | 76.6 | -6.3 | 10.8 | 16.4 | -5.6 | 16.4 | -5.6 |
| Math 30-2 English (June) | 97.3 | 93.3 | +3.1 | n/a | n/a | 17.6 | 15.2 | -3.9 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Math 30-2 French (June) | 100 | 90.8 | +9.2 | n/a | n/a | 0.0 | 19.1 | -19.1 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Math 30-2 iLearn | 95.6 | 92.1 | +3.5 | n/a | n/a | 16.4 | 19.6 | -3.2 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Social Studies 30-1 | 85.8 | 86.2 | -0.4 | 87.4 | -1.6 | 10.7 | 17.7 | -7 | 12.6 | -1.9 |
| Social Studies 30-1 French | 100.0 | 98.8 | +1.2 | n/a | n/a | 15.2 | 30.0 | -14.8 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Social Studies 30-1 iLearn | 98.9 | 98.6 | +0.3 | n/a | n/a | 22.6 | 29.5 | -6.9 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Social Studies 30-2 | 80.6 | 78.8 | +1.8 | 80.9 | -0.3 | 10 | 12.2 | -2.2 | 8.4 | +1.6 |
| Social Studies 30-2 French | 100.0 | 95.0 | +5.0 | n/a | n/a | 33.3 | 12.9 | +20.4 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Social Studies 30-2 iLearn | 98.3 | 94.2 | +4.1 | n/a | n/a | 12.1 | 14.2 | -2.1 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Biology 30 | 85.7 | 86.6 | -0.9 | 90 | $-4.3$ | 38.4 | 36.6 | +1.8 | 33.7 | +4.7 |
| Biology 30 French | 92.3 | 96.7 | -4.4 | n/a | n/a | 46.2 | 42.3 | +3.9 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Biology 30 iLearn | 92.7 | 96.3 | -3.6 | n/a | n/a | 40.7 | 43.7 | -3.0 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Chemistry 30 | 81.1 | 83.6 | -2.5 | 86 | -4.9 | 37.2 | 38.3 | -1.1 | 32.6 | +4.6 |

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| Acceptable | Achievement |  | Improvement |  |  | Excellent | Achievement |  | Improvement |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | District $2018$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Prov. } \\ & 2018 \end{aligned}$ | +/- | DISTRICT <br> 3-Year <br> Average | +/- | District 2018 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Prov. } \\ & 2018 \end{aligned}$ | +/- | DISTRICT <br> 3-Year <br> Average | +/- |
| Chemistry 30 French | 100 | 95.7 | +4.3 | n/a | n/a | 77.8 | 45.2 | +32.6 | n/a | n/a |
| Physics 30 | 91.3 | 86.2 | +5.1 | 86.6 | +4.7 | 39.1 | 43.6 | -4.5 | 32.3 | +6.8 |
| Physics 30 French | 100 | 96.5 | +3.5 | n/a | n/a | 28.6 | 48.8 | -20.2 | n/a | n/a |
| Physics 30 iLearn | 100 | 96.5 | +3.5 | n/a | n/a | 39.5 | 48.8 | -9.3 | n/a | n/a |
| Science 30 | 83.3 | 85.4 | -2.1 | 93 | -9.7 | 28.9 | 31.5 | -2.6 | 36.0 | -7.1 |
| Science 30 iLearn | 98.2 | 95.9 | +2.3 |  | n/a | 31.6 | 32.5 | -0.9 | n/a | n/a |
| FRENCH Avg. +/- |  |  | +1.3 |  | n/a |  |  | -3.9 |  | n/a |
| iLearn Avg. +/- |  |  | +1.7 |  | n/a |  |  | -3.5 |  | n/a |
| Overall Avg. +/- |  |  | -0.05 |  | -2.43 |  |  | -3.1 |  | +0.23 |

- Note: Use the grey rows to see how we performed on the Accountability Pillar. The additional information about French and iLearn students is to show groups that impacted the overall result either positively or negatively.

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Figure 6.0 Five-Year Trends for Grade 12 Diplomas

| Subjects | Acceptable Standard |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ave } \\ & +/-\% \end{aligned}$ | Standard of Excellence |  |  |  |  | Ave |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |  | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |  |
| ELA 30-1 | +8 | +9.5 | +7.4 | +4.1 | +3.6 | +6.5 | +4.6 | +1.6 | +4 | -0.3 | 1.0 | +2.2 |
| ELA 30-2 | +5.9 | +2.9 | +8.2 | +4.6 | +6.7 | +5.7 | +6.2 | +5.7 | +6.5 | +4.9 | +4.2 | +5.5 |
| FLA 30-1 | +3.4 | +4.5 | -6.3 | +2.4 | -8.1 | -0.82 | -0.3 | -1.8 | -2.4 | -6.6 | -8.1 | -3.8 |
| Math 30-1 | +9.1 | +2.4 | +0.2 | -9.6 | +0.2 | +0.5 | -2.6 | -4.9 | -3.6 | -7.2 | -10 | -5.7 |
| Math 30-2 | +8.7 | +4.3 | +3.2 | -1.7 | -3.9 | +2.1 | +6.5 | +2.1 | -1.5 | +0.5 | -5.6 | +0.4 |
| Social 30-1 | +8.2 | +3 | +1.9 | -0.8 | -0.4 | +2.4 | +0.3 | -3.7 | +3.8 | -7.7 | -7 | -2.9 |
| Social 30-2 | +0.8 | -1.4 | +3.9 | -2.8 | +1.8 | +0.5 | -5.3 | -7.5 | -2.9 | -2.8 | -2.2 | -4.1 |
| Biology 30 | +2 | +5.2 | +5.7 | +4.1 | -0.9 | +3.2 | +4.1 | -0.2 | +3.8 | -0.3 | +1.8 | +1.8 |
| Chemistry 30 | +3.9 | +3 | +7.7 | +0.4 | -2.5 | +2.5 | -3.5 | -9.2 | -1 | +0.8 | -1.1 | -2.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physics 30 | +0.1 | +2.8 | +1.8 | -0.2 | +5.1 | +1.9 | +8 | -15.8 | -3.7 | -1 | -4.5 | -3.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Science 30 | +5.8 | +11.4 | +8.5 | +5.8 | -2.1 | +5.9 | +8.8 | +16.9 | +5.3 | +3 | -2.6 | +6.3 |
| Overall Ave. +/- |  |  |  |  |  | +2.8 |  |  |  |  |  | -. 6 |

