



Building pathways to the future

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2017/2018 Provincial Achievement and Diploma Examination Results

The 2017-2018 Provincial Achievement and Diploma Examination results released by the Minister of Education demonstrate that Living Waters Schools continue to achieve success in a number of areas. “The goal of Living Waters Schools is that every student who enters our doors will graduate from a faith-filled, safe and caring environment, prepared for future success,” states Jo- Anne Lanctot, Superintendent of Living Waters Catholic Regional Division No 42.

Overall, the 2018 Provincial Achievement Tests indicate that students in Living Waters Schools in Grades 6 and 9 continue to meet or exceed the province in specific subject areas at the acceptable standard as well as the standard of excellence. “We recognize that there is work to be done and have set a goal to increase rigor and alignment with the program of studies through building coherence and collective efficacy across the division. Teachers and administrators are involved in collaborative planning and data analysis to improve instructional practice and learning in the classroom,” says Lanctot. As for, Diploma Examinations, Grade 12 students continue to meet or exceed the province in specific courses at the acceptable standard and standard of excellence.

Provincial Achievement Test Highlights

- Grade 6 students attending Living Waters schools outperformed the province in English Language Arts at the acceptable standard. This has been consistent for 6 years and speaks to success of our literacy programming.
- Once again, Grade 9 students participating in Knowledge and Employability (KAE) Achievement tests outperformed their provincial counterparts in all subject areas at both the acceptable standard and standard of excellence categories. Our students especially exceeded at the Standard of Excellence level. For example, KAE ELA 9 rate for standard of excellence was almost four times higher the provincial average. Similarly, KAE Science 9 and Math 9 were almost three times higher than the provincial average.
- Participation rates for Grade 6 students exceeded the provincial average in every subject with the exceptions of French Language Arts 6.

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Diploma Examination Results Highlights

- At the acceptable standard, Living Waters' students exceeded the provincial average in the following courses: English Language Arts 30-1, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, and Physics 30. There was significant improvement in the three sciences from the previous year.
- At the excellence standard, Living Waters' students surpassed the provincial average in Biology 30 by 9% and were within 1% of the provincial standard for Social Studies 30-1 and within 2% for English Language Arts 30-1.

“We will continue to use the data to identify areas where we need to maintain a strong focus and we will continue to make literacy and numeracy foundational to every subject, at every grade level,” adds Jo- Anne Lanctot. “We are investing in professional development for our teachers to work towards our goal of building coherence and collective efficacy. This will improve learning across our entire division.”

A divisional as well as provincial focus is improving educational opportunities for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) learners. Living Waters is significantly above the provincial rate for High School completion for First Nation, Metis, and Inuit learners with a difference of 11.4%. This is the second year in a row where our students have surpassed the province. Our drop out rate for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit learners is significantly below the province at 1.9%.

“We are incredibly proud of the work our teachers and administrators are doing each day to make a difference for all of our students in Living Waters, but we are particularly delighted with the continued gains we have made in relation to our FNMI learners,” says, Jo-Anne Lanctot. “In addition, support staff help to implement the programming and planning our teachers’ design to support the inclusive needs of students. We are thankful for the contributions of all.”

We encourage parents to access our Living Waters website to find out more about our Living Waters Blueprint for the Future (5.0). Visit us at www.livingwaters.ab.ca. Living Waters Catholic Schools serves students in Edson, Whitecourt, and Slave Lake.

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