Edmonton Catholic School Division

Diploma Examinations Program Results Report
2025/2026 School Year

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EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
DIPLOMA EXAMINATIONS PROGRAM RESULTS REPORT
2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

1. DIPLOMA EXAMINATIONS PROGRAM

Alberta Education and Childcare's Diploma Examinations Program was established in 1984. The purposes of this program are to certify the level of individual student achievement in selected Grade 12 courses, to ensure that province-wide standards of achievement are maintained, and to report individual and group results.

The following courses have Diploma Examinations and most have a French translation (*) available upon request:

- English Language Arts 30-1
- English Language Arts 30-2
- Social Studies 30-1*
- Social Studies 30-2*
- Français 30-1
- French Language Arts 30-1
- Mathematics 30-1*
- Mathematics 30-2*
- Biology 30*
- Chemistry 30*
- Physics 30*
- Science 30*

In order to obtain credit for a Diploma Examination course, students must obtain a final course mark of 50% or higher. A student's final course mark is usually determined by blending the mark obtained on a Diploma Examination with the School-Awarded mark. There are some exceptions to this, for example, for students with mature status. The final course mark is sometimes referred to as the final blended mark. For students writing Diploma Examinations in the 2025/2026 school year, the Diploma Examination marks were worth 30% and the School-Awarded marks were worth 70% of the final course marks. The results are located in Appendix A. Results are not released to the public when fewer than six students wrote the examination.

When reviewing examination results, differences between School-Awarded marks and the Diploma Examination marks are expected. These two measures of achievement are complementary. The Diploma Examination provides a common measure of achievement for all students across the province. The School-Awarded mark reflects *all* aspects of course learning, much of which is not measurable through timed tests.

This report provides Division results for the 2025/2026 school year in addition to multiyear results; however, several factors have affected Diploma Examination administrations over the past few years. The 2021/2022 results do not include the results of the January 2022 Diploma Examination administration as this administration was cancelled due to the COVID-19 context. Due to the ATA labour disruption during the 2025/2026 school year, Alberta Education and Childcare cancelled the January 2026 administration of Diploma Examinations. Students who were scheduled to write Diploma Examinations in January 2026 could choose to write in April or June 2026. Students who chose not to write in these administrations received their School-Awarded mark as their final official course mark.

Beginning in 2023/2024, Alberta Education and Childcare's migration to digital assessment administration resulted in two different types of examinations being administered, a paper version and a digital version through the new Digital Assessment Platform. The 2023/2024, 2024/2025, and 2025/2026 provincial results include students who used the Digital Assessment Platform, as well as students who wrote the paper version. For 2023/2024 and 2024/2025, schools within Edmonton Catholic Schools were to administer the paper version of the Diploma Examinations. In 2025/2026, schools within Edmonton Catholic Schools were to administer the digital version of the Diploma Examinations using Alberta Education and Childcare's Digital Assessment Platform. Due to this migration to digital assessments, as well as the additional factors listed, caution should be used when interpreting and comparing results over time.

In addition to this report, Division results will also be available on the Division Assurance Dashboard located on the Division public website. Individual school reports are also available to each Principal. The school reports are used by school staff and School Councils in monitoring and adjusting their *School Education Plan*. School results will also be available on the School Assurance Dashboards located on the school public websites.

2. ACCEPTABLE STANDARD AND STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

The percentage of students in Edmonton Catholic Schools achieving the Acceptable Standard and the Standard of Excellence in Diploma Examination courses was compared to the province (Table 2A in Appendix A).

ACCEPTABLE STANDARD

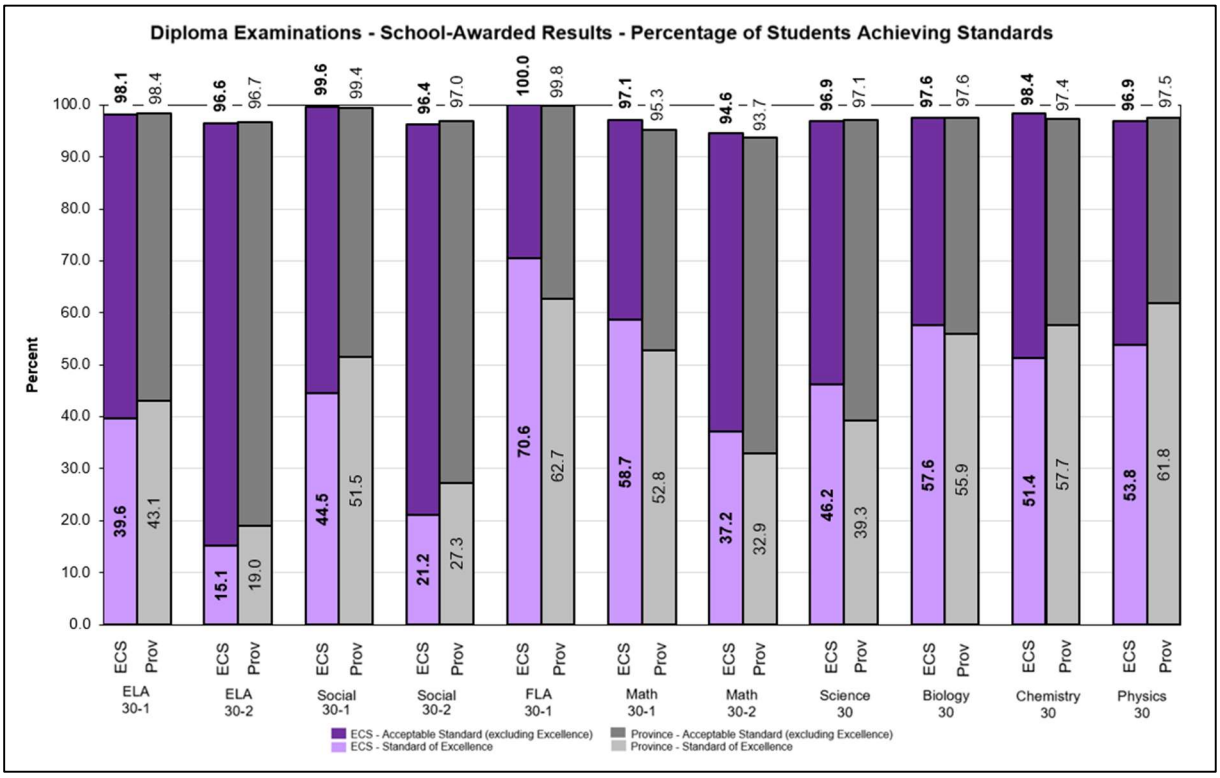
- *Acceptable Standard* is the achievement of a **mark** of **50% or greater**.
- The percentage of Edmonton Catholic students achieving the *Acceptable Standard* **met** or **exceeded** the provincial percentage in the
    - **School-Awarded** results in:
        - Social Studies 30-1
        - French Language Arts 30-1
        - Mathematics 30-1
        - Mathematics 30-2
        - Biology 30
        - Chemistry 30
    - **Diploma Examination** results in:
        - English Language Arts 30-1
        - Social Studies 30-1
        - French Language Arts 30-1
        - Mathematics 30-1
        - Mathematics 30-2
        - Science 30
        - Biology 30

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

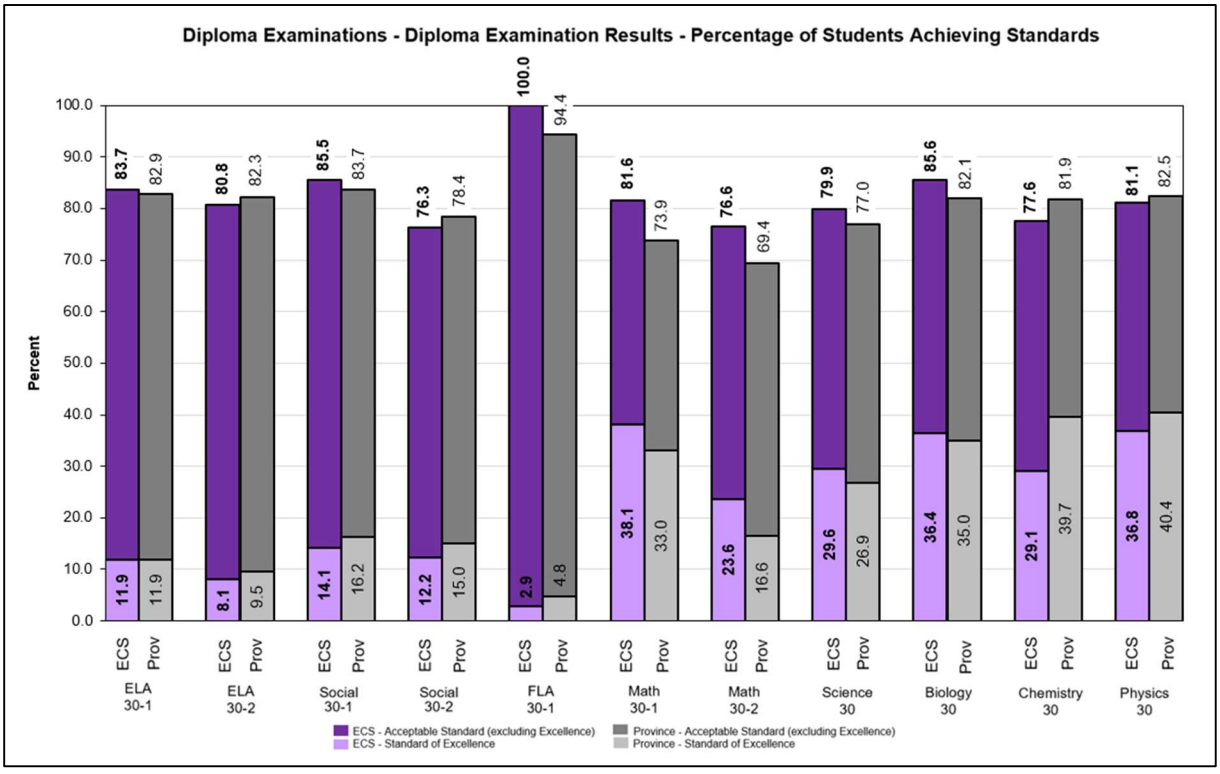
- *Standard of Excellence* is the achievement of a **mark** of **80% or greater**.
- The percentage of Edmonton Catholic students achieving the *Standard of Excellence* **met** or **exceeded** the provincial percentage in the
    - **School-Awarded** results in:
        - French Language Arts 30-1
        - Mathematics 30-1
        - Mathematics 30-2
        - Science 30
        - Biology 30
    - **Diploma Examination** results in:
        - English Language Arts 30-1
        - Mathematics 30-1
        - Mathematics 30-2
        - Science 30
        - Biology 30

Overall, Edmonton Catholic Schools' students were successful in diploma courses.

SCHOOL-AWARDED RESULTS - 2025/2026



DIPLOMA EXAMINATION RESULTS - 2025/2026



APPENDIX A

DIPLOMA EXAMINATIONS PROGRAM RESULTS
2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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- **Table 2A - Percentages of Students Achieving Standards in Diploma Examination Courses**
- **Table 3A - School-Awarded Standards - Five Years of Multiyear Results**
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Table 1A
Numbers of Students and Average Marks in Diploma Examination Courses
2025/2026 School Year

Course	Number of Students		School-Awarded Average Mark		Diploma Examination Average Mark	
	ECS	Prov	**ECS**	Prov	**ECS**	Prov
English Language Arts 30-1	**1206**	19592	**74.6**	75.6	**63.3**	62.9
English Language Arts 30-2	**813**	10510	**68.1**	68.5	**61.4**	62.3
Social Studies 30-1	**949**	14525	**77.1**	78.1	**64.5**	64.6
Social Studies 30-2	**886**	15161	**69.3**	70.6	**61.1**	62.5
Mathematics 30-1	**903**	10035	**79.2**	77.1	**70.5**	65.5
Mathematics 30-2	**611**	9002	**72.3**	71.0	**63.9**	59.8
Science 30	**517**	5530	**75.8**	73.8	**66.8**	65.2
Biology 30	**966**	14916	**78.9**	78.6	**69.9**	68.6
Chemistry 30	**687**	12379	**77.5**	79.0	**65.9**	69.5
Physics 30	**359**	7055	**78.5**	80.5	**68.4**	70.2
French Language Arts 30-1	**34**	502	**84.5**	81.2	**67.1**	65.1

The 2025/2026 results do not include the results of the January 2026 Diploma Examination administration as this administration was cancelled.

Table 2A
Percentages of Students Achieving Standards in Diploma Examination Courses
2025/2026 School Year

Course	School-Awarded				Diploma Examination			
	Standard of Excellence		Acceptable Standard		Standard of Excellence		Acceptable Standard	
	ECS	Prov	**ECS**	Prov	**ECS**	Prov	**ECS**	Prov
English Language Arts 30-1	**39.6**	43.1	**98.1**	98.4	**11.9**	11.9	**83.7**	82.9
English Language Arts 30-2	**15.1**	19.0	**96.6**	96.7	**8.1**	9.5	**80.8**	82.3
Social Studies 30-1	**44.5**	51.5	**99.6**	99.4	**14.1**	16.2	**85.5**	83.7
Social Studies 30-2	**21.2**	27.3	**96.4**	97.0	**12.2**	15.0	**76.3**	78.4
Mathematics 30-1	**58.7**	52.8	**97.1**	95.3	**38.1**	33.0	**81.6**	73.9
Mathematics 30-2	**37.2**	32.9	**94.6**	93.7	**23.6**	16.6	**76.6**	69.4
Science 30	**46.2**	39.3	**96.9**	97.1	**29.6**	26.9	**79.9**	77.0
Biology 30	**57.6**	55.9	**97.6**	97.6	**36.4**	35.0	**85.6**	82.1
Chemistry 30	**51.4**	57.7	**98.4**	97.4	**29.1**	39.7	**77.6**	81.9
Physics 30	**53.8**	61.8	**96.9**	97.5	**36.8**	40.4	**81.1**	82.5
French Language Arts 30-1	**70.6**	62.7	**100.0**	99.8	**2.9**	4.8	**100.0**	94.4

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Table 3A
School-Awarded Standards
Five Years of Multiyear Results

Course	Standard	2021/22*		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25		2025/26**	
		ECS	Prov	**ECS**	Prov	**ECS**	Prov	**ECS**	Prov	**ECS**	Prov
English Language Arts 30-1	Acceptable	**98.0**	98.2	**98.7**	98.4	**98.7**	98.6	**99.5**	98.8	**98.1**	98.4
	Excellence	**32.7**	44.6	**35.0**	42.4	**33.4**	42.1	**35.3**	42.4	**39.6**	43.1
English Language Arts 30-2	Acceptable	**97.7**	96.7	**97.1**	96.8	**98.0**	96.7	**97.6**	97.3	**96.6**	96.7
	Excellence	**21.7**	19.9	**16.2**	18.7	**16.6**	19.1	**20.1**	20.1	**15.1**	19.0
Social Studies 30-1	Acceptable	**99.6**	99.3	**99.7**	99.3	**99.7**	99.3	**99.6**	99.5	**99.6**	99.4
	Excellence	**47.2**	50.6	**48.9**	50.0	**45.2**	50.1	**50.3**	51.3	**44.5**	51.5
Social Studies 30-2	Acceptable	**98.9**	97.2	**98.3**	97.1	**98.2**	96.9	**97.6**	97.3	**96.4**	97.0
	Excellence	**24.8**	24.7	**21.7**	22.6	**23.3**	23.9	**22.9**	25.4	**21.2**	27.3
Mathematics 30-1	Acceptable	**96.5**	95.4	**96.2**	96.1	**98.1**	96.4	**97.6**	96.9	**97.1**	95.3
	Excellence	**56.1**	51.6	**51.0**	54.1	**49.1**	54.8	**52.5**	56.5	**58.7**	52.8
Mathematics 30-2	Acceptable	**94.4**	94.3	**95.4**	94.1	**94.3**	94.4	**95.4**	95.5	**94.6**	93.7
	Excellence	**29.1**	29.7	**28.4**	29.2	**30.4**	30.9	**36.3**	32.9	**37.2**	32.9
Science 30	Acceptable	**98.4**	96.5	**97.0**	96.2	**97.4**	96.7	**97.7**	97.6	**96.9**	97.1
	Excellence	**43.6**	36.8	**40.3**	35.6	**38.9**	36.0	**42.8**	39.4	**46.2**	39.3
Biology 30	Acceptable	**96.8**	97.0	**97.4**	97.2	**97.3**	97.3	**98.2**	97.6	**97.6**	97.6
	Excellence	**41.9**	51.1	**47.6**	51.6	**50.6**	51.3	**56.6**	54.6	**57.6**	55.9
Chemistry 30	Acceptable	**97.7**	97.4	**98.7**	97.4	**98.5**	97.4	**98.1**	97.8	**98.4**	97.4
	Excellence	**49.2**	56.6	**52.7**	56.3	**53.4**	57.4	**57.6**	57.8	**51.4**	57.7
Physics 30	Acceptable	**97.1**	97.9	**97.3**	98.1	**97.3**	97.8	**98.2**	98.0	**96.9**	97.5
	Excellence	**50.0**	64.0	**54.3**	61.2	**52.4**	60.9	**52.2**	61.6	**53.8**	61.8
French Language Arts 30-1	Acceptable	**100.0**	99.8	**100.0**	99.4	**100.0**	99.3	**100.0**	99.7	**100.0**	99.8
	Excellence	**76.2**	65.8	**68.9**	62.3	**65.5**	67.4	**69.0**	64.6	**70.6**	62.7

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Table 4A
Diploma Examination Standards
Five Years of Multiyear Results

Course	Standard	2021/22*		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25		2025/26**	
		ECS	Prov	**ECS**	Prov	**ECS**	Prov	**ECS**	Prov	**ECS**	Prov
English Language Arts 30-1	Acceptable	**82.2**	78.8	**87.6**	83.7	**88.1**	84.2	**88.1**	85.3	**83.7**	82.9
	Excellence	**6.5**	9.4	**11.5**	10.5	**9.1**	10.1	**12.1**	10.9	**11.9**	11.9
English Language Arts 30-2	Acceptable	**86.4**	80.7	**91.1**	86.2	**91.2**	85.7	**88.5**	85.6	**80.8**	82.3
	Excellence	**13.2**	12.2	**14.9**	12.7	**16.6**	12.9	**13.6**	11.3	**8.1**	9.5
Social Studies 30-1	Acceptable	**83.4**	81.5	**86.9**	83.5	**89.2**	85.2	**89.8**	84.6	**85.5**	83.7
	Excellence	**12.6**	15.8	**15.3**	15.9	**20.5**	18.7	**21.1**	16.8	**14.1**	16.2
Social Studies 30-2	Acceptable	**76.3**	72.3	**79.8**	78.0	**82.5**	77.6	**80.2**	77.5	**76.3**	78.4
	Excellence	**11.5**	13.2	**12.2**	12.3	**13.4**	12.7	**12.2**	12.3	**12.2**	15.0
Mathematics 30-1	Acceptable	**70.4**	63.5	**70.9**	70.8	**77.2**	75.4	**78.5**	77.8	**81.6**	73.9
	Excellence	**26.4**	23.0	**27.8**	29.0	**31.1**	34.9	**33.6**	37.1	**38.1**	33.0
Mathematics 30-2	Acceptable	**65.7**	61.5	**75.2**	71.1	**76.5**	70.9	**77.1**	73.5	**76.6**	69.4
	Excellence	**13.5**	11.7	**13.6**	15.2	**19.0**	15.4	**22.8**	17.2	**23.6**	16.6
Science 30	Acceptable	**77.3**	75.7	**83.4**	79.4	**86.5**	81.3	**78.7**	79.6	**79.9**	77.0
	Excellence	**20.0**	17.2	**25.0**	23.1	**29.2**	24.6	**26.8**	26.2	**29.6**	26.9
Biology 30	Acceptable	**71.2**	74.2	**82.9**	82.7	**84.9**	83.1	**82.3**	82.6	**85.6**	82.1
	Excellence	**21.3**	25.2	**28.1**	32.8	**30.9**	33.7	**33.8**	34.8	**36.4**	35.0
Chemistry 30	Acceptable	**68.0**	77.1	**79.2**	80.4	**79.5**	82.9	**81.9**	83.8	**77.6**	81.9
	Excellence	**19.4**	31.1	**30.7**	37.0	**30.2**	38.0	**33.8**	40.6	**29.1**	39.7
Physics 30	Acceptable	**75.2**	78.5	**81.9**	82.3	**87.1**	85.1	**82.2**	85.6	**81.1**	82.5
	Excellence	**23.7**	34.6	**39.4**	39.9	**40.9**	43.1	**38.8**	43.6	**36.8**	40.4
French Language Arts 30-1	Acceptable	**90.5**	91.9	**98.4**	93.1	**96.4**	95.3	**100.0**	94.7	**100.0**	94.4
	Excellence	**2.4**	6.8	**8.2**	6.1	**9.1**	8.6	**5.6**	6.0	**2.9**	4.8

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Table 5A
Participation Rates
Five Years of Multiyear Results

Course	2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25		2025/26*	
	Prov	ECS	Prov	ECS	Prov	ECS	Prov	ECS	Prov	ECS
Number	**48304**	**2988**	**49297**	**3074**	**51146**	**3028**	**55287**	**3310**	**57643**	**3457**
English Language Arts 30-1	27.7	25.1	56.4	56.4	56.4	54.9	56.0	56.3	29.6	31.1
English Language Arts 30-2	13.3	15.7	28.1	33.4	29.5	34.7	30.2	32.7	14.2	17.6
Total of 1 or more English Exams	**40.6**	**40.7**	**81.3**	**86.7**	**82.8**	**86.7**	**83.1**	**85.8**	**43.3**	**48.1**
Social Studies 30-1	22.5	20.5	45.0	45.8	44.9	47.6	43.6	45.8	24.1	25.6
Social Studies 30-2	17.4	18.9	36.2	38.4	38.3	39.9	40.1	40.9	21.8	19.1
Total of 1 or more Social Exams	**39.9**	**39.5**	**80.6**	**83.8**	**82.6**	**86.7**	**83.0**	**86.0**	**45.8**	**44.5**
Mathematics 30-1	10.9	8.6	32.1	32.0	34.4	32.7	34.6	32.8	17.1	21.1
Mathematics 30-2	12.1	15.4	24.6	28.7	25.3	29.4	25.6	28.8	13.0	15.8
Total of 1 or more Math Exams	**22.9**	**23.9**	**54.8**	**59.2**	**57.8**	**60.2**	**58.3**	**59.8**	**29.8**	**36.3**
Biology 30	18.0	17.7	38.1	36.6	41.2	39.9	40.3	38.6	24.9	23.7
Chemistry 30	15.6	12.9	32.5	28.5	33.6	31.8	34.2	32.1	19.6	18.1
Physics 30	8.9	7.2	16.7	14.6	17.2	15.7	17.9	15.7	10.9	9.3
Science 30	7.9	12.1	14.3	21.5	14.1	22.3	13.8	20.2	8.3	12.2
Total of 1 or more Science Exams	**41.4**	**41.4**	**59.4**	**61.6**	**60.4**	**63.4**	**60.2**	**61.7**	**46.9**	**48.2**
Français 30-1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0
French Language Arts 30-1	1.3	1.4	2.5	2.0	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.1	0.9	1.0
Total of 1 or more French Exams	**1.5**	**1.4**	**2.7**	**2.0**	**2.6**	**1.8**	**2.4**	**2.1**	**1.1**	**1.0**

Results are based upon a cohort of Grade 10 students who are tracked over time. The table shows the percentage of students in this cohort who complete Diploma Examinations by the end of their third year of high school.

* 2025/2026 Diploma Examination Participation Rates are preliminary and will be finalized when the Alberta Education and Childcare Assurance Measures results are released in Fall 2026. The 2021/2022 results do not include students who were exempted from writing the examination due to the COVID-19 context.