

Tomahawk School Parkland School Division



# Provincial Achievement Tests Summary Results Report 2016 – 2017

The charts, beginning on page 2, report Tomahawk School's student achievement on Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT). Individual subjects are provided in historical detail on the pages that follow.

Some considerations:

### Grade 9 results indicated significant growth in all subjects:

- Grade 9 students achieved growth in both the Standard of Excellence and the Acceptable Standard in all subjects.
- Grade 9 students exceeded both the province and the Division in Standard of Excellence scores in Social Studies by 4.8% and 9.3%, respectively, and increased by 25% in Standard of Excellence scores from the previous year.
- 12.5% more Grade 9 students achieved the Standard of Excellence and 1.0% more achieved the Acceptable Standard in Science 9 compared to the previous year.
- In Math 9, students increased by 3.8% from the previous year's Acceptable Standard scores.
- In English Language Arts 9, our students exceeded Division scores by 1.8%. 12.5% more students than last year achieved the Standard of Excellence in this subject as well.

### Grade 6 results indicated significant growth in English Language Arts and Social Studies:

- Grade 6 students exceeded both the province and the Division in Acceptable Standard scores for English Language Arts by 3.2% and 1.5%, respectively. 35.7% more students attained the Acceptable Standard when compared to the previous year's scores.
- 21.4% more students achieved the Acceptable Standard in Social Studies 6 when compared to the previous year's scores 71.4% of our students reached this standard, breaking our three-year average performance of 47%. Tomahawk School also exceeded Division scores in Social 6 by 0.7%.

### Math and English Language Arts continue to require an increased focus for Tomahawk School:

- Although Grade 6 English Language Arts scores were strong in comparison to PSD and provincial scores, Grade 9 English Language Arts will remain a focus area in which we will strive to reduce our gap in the Acceptable Standard (62.5% of Tomahawk students reached the Acceptable Standard, while 76.8% of students throughout the Division met this same criteria).
- Although Grade 9 Mathematics scores were strong and experienced an increase of 3.8% from
  previous year's scores in the Acceptable Standard, Grade 6 Mathematics will remain a focus area
  in which we will aim to reduce our gap in Acceptable Standard (42.9% of Tomahawk students
  reached the Acceptable Standard, while 62.4% of students throughout the Division met this
  same criteria). That stated, two students were exempt from the assessment, and as a result, two
  0% scores were factored into our school results for Grade 6 Mathematics.

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Suc	cesses	Ch	allenges
School Growth	School Exceeds Province	Province Exceeds School	School Decline
Standard of Excellence • ELA 9 (+12.5)	Standard of Excellence • Social S. 9 (+4.8)	Standard of Excellence • Mathematics 6 (+12.3)	Standard of Excellence • Math 6 (-16.7)
<ul> <li>Science 9 (+12.5)</li> <li>Social S. 9 (+25.0)</li> </ul>	Acceptable Standard • ELA 6 (+3.2)	<ul> <li>ELA 6 (+18.9)</li> <li>Social Studies 6 (+1.2)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Science 6 (-16.7)</li> <li>Social Studies 6 (-16.7)</li> </ul>
Acceptable Standard • ELA 6 (+35.7) • Social 6 (+21.4)		Acceptable Standard • Math 6 (+25.5) • Science 6 (+33.7)	Acceptable Standard • Math 6 (-7.1) • Science 6 (-23.8)
<ul> <li>Math 9 (+3.8)</li> <li>Science 9 (+1.0)</li> </ul>		• Social Studies 6 (+1.2)	<ul> <li>ELA 9 (-14.4)</li> <li>Social Studies 9 (-3.8)</li> </ul>

## **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	LANGUAG	E ARTS 6								
Standard	Alberta			Parkla	Parkland School Div.			Tomahawk School			
	2015 2016 2017			2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-	
Acceptable	82.8 82.9 82.5			83.8	85.2	84.2	81.8	50.0	85.7	+35.7	
Excellence	19.5 20.4 18.9			14.0	15.9	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
2017 Participation amount by percentage of					Alberta		PSD		Tomahawk		
students					90.2	2%	94.9	9%	100.0%		

Subject	MATHEM	MATHEMATICS 6										
Standard	Alberta			Parkla	Parkland School Div.			Tomahawk School				
	2015 2016 2017			2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-		
Acceptable	72.5	71.4	68.4	70.3	69.7	62.4	36.4	50.0	42.9	-7.1		
Excellence	13.8 13.8 12.3			7.2	8.2	7.3	0.0	16.7	0.0	-16.7		
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2017 Participation amount by percentage of					Alberta		PSD		Tomahawk			
students					89.9	9%	94.1%		71.4%			

Subject	SCIENCE	SCIENCE 6										
Standard	Alberta			Parkla	Parkland School Div.			Tomahawk School				
	2015 2016 2017			2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-		
Acceptable	76.0 77.6 76.6			78.6	79.2	76.3	45.5	66.7	42.9	-23.8		
Excellence	25.9 27.7 29.5			17.6	19.1	23.5	0.0	16.7	0.0	-16.7		
2017 Participation amount by percentage of					Alberta		PSD		Tomahawk			
students					89.1	L%	94.6%		100.0%			

Subject	SOCIAL S	TUDIES 6									
Standard	Alberta			Parkla	Parkland School Div.			Tomahawk School			
	2015 2016 2017			2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-	
Acceptable	69.6	71.1	72.6	67.4	69.7	70.7	45.5	50.0	71.4	+21.4	
Excellence	18.7 22.6 22.4			11.0	14.0	18.1	0.0	16.7	0.0	-16.7	
2017 Particip	Alberta		PSD		Tomahawk						
students					89.3	3%	94.6%		100.0%		

Subject	ENGLISH	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 9										
Standard	Alberta			Parkland School Div.			Tomahawk School					
	2015 2016 2017			2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-		
Acceptable	75.6 77.0 76.8			77.5	72.7	75.1	100.0	76.9	62.5	-14.4		
Excellence	14.4 15.2 14.9			9.8	9.3	10.7	0.0	0.0	12.5	+12.5		
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2017 Participation amount by percentage of					Alberta		PSD		Tomahawk			
students					88.8	3%	94.9%		100.0%			

Subject	MATHEN	IATICS 9									
Standard	Alberta			Parkla	Parkland School Div.			Tomahawk School			
	2015 2016 2017			2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-	
Acceptable	64.0 66.7 66.2			66.5	60.9	63.3	77.8	46.2	50.0	+3.8	
Excellence	17.5 17.2 18.7			11.4	12.0	15.3	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
2017 Participation amount by percentage of					Alberta		PSD		Tomahawk		
students					88.5	5%	94.5	5%	100.0%		

Subject	SCIENCE	SCIENCE 9										
Standard	Alberta			Parkla	Parkland School Div.			Tomahawk School				
	2015 2016 2017			2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-		
Acceptable	73.3 73.5 73.2			79.1	70.3	70.4	100.0	61.5	62.5	+1.0		
Excellence	22.8 22.5 21.3			21.3	15.7	15.9	11.1	0.0	12.5	+12.5		
2017 Particip	Alberta		PSD		Tomahawk							
students					88.8	3%	94.2%		100.0%			

Subject	SOCIAL STUDIES 9											
Standard	Alberta			Parkla	Parkland School Div.			Tomahawk School				
	2015 2016 2017			2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	+/-		
Acceptable	64.4 64.0 66.3			65.3	55.6	62.9	66.7	53.8	50.0	-3.8		
Excellence	20.0	18.3	14.8	10.2	15.7	0.0	0.0	25.0	+25.0			
2017 Particip	Alberta		PSD		Tomahawk							
students					88.8	3%	94.5%		100.0%			