

Identifying Alberta's Best Schools

There are excellent schools in Alberta and they stand out. Table 1 lists 12 schools, in alphabetical order, scoring above the 80th percentile in all three grades. This suggests that the strong performance is related to factors that are present in all grades at these schools. Many elementary schools in Alberta do not include Grade 9. I also list 26 schools at which the percentile ratings in both Grade 3 and Grade 6 exceed the 90th percentile (Table 2). This list includes public, separate, private and charter schools. Alberta Education authorities, teachers and principals should investigate what is happening at these strong schools that produces excellent results, and how best practices could be transferred to other schools

Table 1: Schools with Outstanding Performance Indicators in All Three Grades

School Name	Type	School Authority Name	The Percent of Persons in the School Catchment by Group		
			<i>Aboriginal</i>	<i>Recent Immigrants</i>	<i>Have Some University</i>
Almadina Language Charter Academy	Charter	Almadina School Society	3.4	9.3	19.9
Aurora School	Charter	Aurora School Ltd.	3.6	4.4	30.5
Clear Vista School	Public	Wetaskiwin Regional Division No. 11	16.7	1.7	11.9
Clear Water Academy	Private	Clear Water Academy Foundation	1.4	2.7	52.2
Covenant Christian School	Public	Black Gold Regional Division No. 18	4.9	0.9	15.5
Glenmore Christian Academy Elementary	Public	Palliser Regional Division No. 26	1.5	4.7	41.7
Grandview Heights School	Public	Edmonton School District No. 7	1.4	4.2	58.6
St. Joseph's School	Separate	Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4	1.9	0.6	13.6
Stratford Elementary/Junior High School	Public	Edmonton School District No. 7	4.4	3.6	32.9
Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School	Private	Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School	1.2	1.8	51.1
Two Hills School	Public	St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1	2.1	3.8	10.4
Webber Academy	Private	Webber Academy Foundation	1.8	3.3	57.6
		Provincial Average	6.1	2.3	21.7

Notes: 80th percentile or higher, in alphabetical order. Grades 3, 6 and 9.

Source: Author's calculations from Statistics Canada and Alberta Education.