

Grades 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) Quick Facts for Parents/Guardians

What are PATs?

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) are administered to students in grades 6 and 9 and have three main purposes:

- to determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn;
- to report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling;
- to assist schools, authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning.

When are PATs administered?

PATs are administered annually in May and June in English and French language arts, mathematics, science and social studies in grade 6 and grade 9. Some grade 9 students write PATs in January.

Are there any practice questions my child can do before writing PATs?

Yes. Students can try out the released questions from previous PATs that are located at <https://Questaplus.alberta.ca/PracticeMain.html>.

When will I find out my child's PAT results?

School staff can share preliminary results with parents after the PAT administration. Individual Student Profiles (ISPs) are available to schools in the fall of the following school year. School staff can then share the ISPs with parents and keep a record of the ISP on the student's record in accordance with the *Student Record Regulation*.

Want to know more?

Additional information and resources are available on the Alberta Education website at: <https://education.alberta.ca>

The personal information collected in the Provincial Achievement Testing program is collected pursuant to section 33(c) of the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** (RSA 2000, C. F-25). This information will be used for the purpose of administering the Provincial Achievement Testing program as well as support program and policy evaluation and measurement.

Questions regarding the program and collection, use and disclosure of information may be directed to Director, Student Learning Assessments and Provincial Achievement Testing or by telephone at 780-427- 6204. (Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free from outside the Edmonton area.)

***Provincial Achievement Test Administration Schedule:
May and June 2019***

Written Response Provincial Achievement Tests are administered between May 6 and 10 according to schedules set by school authority superintendents. All students are provided with up to double the official time as noted below, if they require it.		Test Start Time 9:00 Am
Provincial Achievement Test Allotted Time*	Provincial Achievement Test	Date
120 minutes	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A	May 6
120 minutes	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A	May 7
80 minutes	Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part A	May 7

* For Language Arts Part A: Writing Provincial Achievement Tests, test supervisors, under the direction of the principal, are expected to uphold test security by maintaining a continuous writing time. If it is required, based on students' needs, to administer a short supervised break, the teacher must receive approval from the principal. All test administration guidelines must be maintained. The amount of time consumed by a break is not included in the total test-taking time.

Mathematics and Multiple Choice Provincial Achievement Tests are administered between June 10 and 27 according to schedules set by school authority superintendents. All students are provided with up to double the official time as noted below, if they require it. No tests are to be scheduled on June 21, National Indigenous Peoples Day.		Test Start Time 9:00 Am
Provincial Achievement Test Allotted Time	Provincial Achievement Test	Date
60 minutes	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B	June 17
20 minutes	Grade 6 Mathematics Part(ie) A	June 13
70 minutes	Grade 6 Mathematics Part(ie) B	June 13
60 minutes	Grade 6 Science	June 14
60 minutes	Grade 6 Social Studies	June 12
75 minutes	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B	June 14
75 minutes	Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part B	June 14
75 minutes	Grade 9 K&E Mathematics	June 17
75 minutes	Grade 9 K&E Science	June 18
75 minutes	Grade 9 K&E Social Studies	June 20
30 minutes	Grade 9 Mathematics Part(ie) A	June 17
80 minutes	Grade 9 Mathematics Part(ie) B	June 17
75 minutes	Grade 9 Science	June 18
80 minutes	Grade 9 Social Studies	June 20