



ALMADINA LANGUAGE CHARTER ACADEMY

Read and Write, Reach the Height

Almadina AERR Summary

Summary of Priorities Accomplishments

In Almadina Language Charter Academy, we work hard to align with our vision of providing students whose second or third language is English with the opportunities to reach their full potential.

- Our students continued to excel on standardized tests, typically exceeding provincial averages
- 2016 We celebrated our 20-year anniversary.
- 2017 Former Almadina student wins contest to be Calgary's "Mayor for a Day"
- 2017 Grade 3 teachers opted to continue to incorporate SLA's into their program.
- 2017 Secured four modular classrooms to be relocated to our Mountain View campus in July 2018.
- All four of our school-based administrators received their School Leadership Certificates and the superintendent received his School Authority Leadership certificate in 2019/20.
- 2018 Joint Book Club activity between Almadina Grade 7 students and students at the Calgary Jewish School.
- 2018 Almadina Superintendent of School was interviewed for a Calgary Herald article in March entitled: "Almadina Brings Learning Success to a Diverse Student Body".
- 2018 ALCA opens four new modular classrooms and a link to the main school building and two existing modulars.
- 2018 Former Almadina student Fiza Hasan writes her first book, a psychological thriller called "In Warm Blood".

Students Success

Almadina Language Charter Academy's students continue on working hard towards their PAT exams. Overall, our PAT results for Acceptable Standard averages increased from 86.2 in 2018 to 88.9 in 2019. The overall level of excellence decreased from 28.8 in 2018 to 27.8 in 2019.

Future Challenges

Presently, we serve 1,165 students. We have a waitlist of over 700 students waiting to get into Almadina. Yet we face the following challenges

- as a charter school we are innovative, creative and cost-efficient in supporting our student learning.
- we will need to continue to monitor student learning needs and supports due the increasing diversity and complexity of students.
- we continue to require a third campus to meet the space challenges and waitlist pressure.
- The Almadina school community urgently requires a high school and continues to lobby the provincial government for this important goal.

Parental Involvement

Opportunities for parental involvement include:

- active monthly School Council meeting and sessions on particular topics where parents interact with each other and the administration or special guest presenters;
- volunteer activities in numerous capacities in and out of classrooms over the year;
- regular parent information sessions on various topics including ELL (English language Learning), Social Media Safety (i.e., parent session with Paul Davis), student anxiety, and programming initiatives such as the Junior High school student leadership project and the elementary Virtues and Zones of Regulation programs;
- multiple opportunities to provide feedback to the school such as annual parent surveys, accountability pillar surveys, ad hoc surveys for particular issues, representation on committees (e.g., Calendar Committee) and individual meetings with the school administration or superintendent;
- review of and input by School Council to the draft Three-Year Education Plan & Annual Education Results Report;
- Participation on the Board of Directors where 7 out of 7 members are parents of current students.

Summary of Financial Results

2018/2019 Summary

Actual Revenue by Source

AB Education	\$11,479,650	95.7%
Fees*	\$297,674	2.4%
Fundraising **	\$24,703	0.2%
Other Revenue	\$189,227	1.57%
Total revenue	\$11,991,254	

Actual Expense by Source

Instruction	\$9,698,814	80.9%
Transportation	\$1,022,212	8.5%
Facilities	\$687,493	5.7%
Board & System Admin	\$582,193	4.9%
Total Expenses	\$ 11,990,712	Surplus: \$ 542

Financial Statement Sources:

ALCA's most recent Audited Financial Statements may be accessed from the Almadina website at:

<http://esl-almadina.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Audited-Financial-Statments-2019.pdf>

The provincial roll up of Audited Financial Statement information can be found here:

https://www.alberta.ca/k-12-education-financial-statements.aspx?utm_source=redirector

Additional information may be accessed by contacting the office of the Secretary-Treasurer at:

secretarytreasurer@esl-almadina.com

Information pertaining to Almadina's sources of school-generated funds and their uses for 2019 is accessible from Note 14 (notes to Financial Statements) of the 2019 Audited Financial Statements

A copy of Almadina Language Charter Academy Full AERR document can be accessed at

<http://esl-almadina.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Almadina-AERR-Quick-Facts-Summary.pdf>