



Edmonton Catholic Schools

#ECSDFaithInspires

At Edmonton Catholic Schools (ECS) we provide a high quality, faith-based education that inspires our students to learn and prepares them to live fully and succeed to the best of their ability. We proudly serve over 43,000 students.

SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

The October 2018 provincial 'report card' from Alberta Education shows a continued increase for ECS:

- 85.6% of ECS students complete high school in 3 years (prov. rate is 78%)
- Only 1.2% of students aged 14-18 drop out of school (prov. rate is 2.3%)

ENROLMENTS

- We have grown by 29% in 10 years, or an increase of 10,000 students

TRANSPORTING STUDENTS

- 11,485 ECS students use yellow bus service every day and the District's transportation budget is balanced for 2018-19

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

- District level supports such as Braided Journeys, Council of Elders, cultural instructors, curriculum consultants, graduation coaches
- 57.8% of District Indigenous students complete high school which is above the prov. average of 53.3%. The drop-out rate for our Indigenous students has decreased to 3.6% and is lower than the prov. drop-out rate of 4.8%

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

- 23.3% of our students are English Language Learners (ELLs)
- The 3-year high school completion rate for ELLs in our District is 74.7% compared to the prov. rate of 74.2% and the drop-out rate for our ELL students is 1.3% compared to 2.2% for the province

EARLY LEARNING

- Early learning Pre-K and Kindergarten programming includes faith-based experiences, an inclusive setting, a multi-cultural focus, learning through play, rich oral language opportunities, integration of the fine arts and family-parent nights
- Innovative ways of delivering programming: the EMU-Early Learning Mobile Unit, Genesis Centre, Outreach sites, programming in City of Edmonton venues

MENTAL HEALTH

- Significant focus on mental health at all grades through the Mental Health Strategic Plan
- Focus on physical literacy and social emotional learning

CHOICE IN PROGRAMMING LEADS TO EXCELLENCE

- Dual Credit: Students enrol in post-secondary courses, earning both high school and post-secondary credits at the same time. Courses are offered in the areas of Health Fields, Aviation, Business, Sciences, Administration, Accounting, Choral Music and Police Studies
- ECS is proud to have 4 Ukrainian Bilingual schools serving 638 students
- ECS continues to offer faith and choice for students in Edmonton. This includes immersion and bilingual language programs, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, academies in sports, fine arts, leadership and dance and year-round schooling

STEWARDSHIP

- We have the same access to resources that all other Districts do and we use those resources to achieve excellence in our results
- Our Board and system administration costs are proportionately the lowest of all Metro Boards
- Top 75 Employer in Alberta 4 years in a row

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TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE GOVERNMENT

CHOICE IN PUBLICLY-FUNDED EDUCATION

- We believe in the strength of our publicly-funded school systems- Catholic, Public and Francophone
- Choice empowers parents to make personalized educational decisions for their children

VALUE LOCALLY ELECTED TRUSTEESHIP

- The role of the Trustee is to represent the authentic voice of the constituents in their school district

FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND MODERNIZATION

- We need to secure adequate, predictable and sustainable funding for new schools and the expansion, preservation and modernization of schools in mature neighbourhoods

FUNDING TO MEET ALL NEEDS OF CURRENT AND NEW STUDENTS

- Funding is allocated largely on enrolment. As enrolment increases, jurisdictions need to receive the per student funding to ensure supports and services are in place to meet the needs of new students in addition to current students
- We need the continuation of funding for student enrolment

