

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

## **What are Provincial Achievement Tests?**

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 Provincial Achievement Tests 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 Provincial Achievement Tests?**

Yes. Students can try out the released questions from previous provincial achievement tests that are located at <https://questaplus.alberta.ca>.

## **When will I find out my child's Provincial Achievement Test results?**

School staff 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 will provide parents access to their child's ISP through at least one the following options:

- Forward the PDF ISP electronically to parents using the school's digital system
- Print and mail a paper copy
- Sign-up parents for MyPass where they may access their child's account and results directly
- A record of the ISP must be retained in the student's record in accordance with the Student Record Regulation.

## **Want to know more?**

More information and resources for provincial achievement tests are available on the Alberta Education website at <https://www.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests.aspx>.

The personal information collected for the purpose of the Provincial Achievement Testing Program and the support of programs, policy evaluation and measurement is under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). Student personal information will not be used or disclosed for any other purpose, without written consent or unless required to do so by law.

Questions regarding the program and the collection, use and disclosure of information may be directed to the Director, Student Learning Assessments and Provincial Achievement Testing, Alberta Education, 6th Floor, 10044 -108 Street, 44 Capital Boulevard, Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6 or by telephone at 780-427-6204 (Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free from outside the Edmonton area).