

Sample Notification of Achievement Testing Letter to Parents

To Parents of Students in Grades 9:

In May and June of this year, all Grade 9 students throughout the province will write provincial achievement tests in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Results from these tests will provide Alberta Education, school administrators, teachers, parents, students, and the public with information about what students know and can do in relation to provincial standards at the end of Grade 9.

Achievement tests are based on what students have been learning throughout the school year, so I will mark them before they are returned to Alberta Education. This will allow me to get an initial look at the performance of the students in my class and will enable me to use each child's achievement test score as ___ percent of their final grade in each subject tested.

In the fall, an *Individual Student Profile* showing your child's achievement test results will be available at our school. This profile is prepared by Alberta Education after the marking and scoring of tests has been completed and final scores are calculated; it will present your child's performance on each test in relation to provincial standards. This information may be useful in planning your child's instructional program for the coming year. You are invited to review your child's results with his or her new teacher and to discuss how results will be reflected in the instructional program that is planned for the coming year.

Reports that show how well our students did as a group in relation to provincial standards will also be available at our school in the fall. All parents and other members of our community will be invited to our school to discuss the results at that time.

Please call our school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Teacher's Name