Information Sheet – Individual Student Profile

The purpose of Alberta’s Provincial Achievement Testing Program is to

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

A student’s scores on the provincial achievement tests are summarized in the Individual Student Profile (ISP). The profile is intended to provide information for the student’s parents, as well as for the student’s individual educational record, indicating how well the child has performed on these tests.

Guide to Interpreting the Individual Student Profile

The following information is intended to assist teachers with interpretation and communication of achievement test results to parents.

• The ISP presents the results in two formats, graph and table, so as to accommodate different ways of looking at the information.

• Reading and Writing reporting categories are each scored and then weighted equally to calculate the total score for English Language Arts and Français/French Language Arts.

• Knowledge and Skills reporting categories are added together to calculate the total scores for Science.

• Alberta Education is committed to accommodating the needs of all Alberta students in order for them to have fair and equitable access to educational opportunities, including the writing of the provincial achievement tests. Accommodations that may be approved by the school superintendent are listed in the General Information Bulletin – for example, Braille or large-print format, CD format and taped response, or use of a scribe.

• Additional information regarding the results of your school and school authority, as well as provincial results, is available at http://www.education.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests/pat-results/everyone/pat-results/.