



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

What are PATs?

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 PATs 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 PATs?

Yes. Students can try out the released questions from previous PATs that are located at <https://questaplus.alberta.ca/PracticeMain.html>.

When will I find out my child's PAT results?

School staff can 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 can then share the ISPs with parents and keep a record of the ISP on the student's record in accordance with the *Student Record Regulation*.

Want to know more?

Additional information and resources are available on the Alberta Education website at: <https://education.alberta.ca>

The personal information collected in the Provincial Achievement Testing program is collected pursuant to section 33(c) of the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** (RSA 2000, C. F-25). This information will be used for the purpose of administering the Provincial Achievement Testing program as well as support program and policy evaluation and measurement.

Questions regarding the program and collection, use and disclosure of information may be directed to Director, Student Learning Assessments and Provincial Achievement Testing or by telephone at 780-427-6204.

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