

HOLY SPIRIT



CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS

About Us

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division has:

- 5014 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- 391 children in Early Learning Programs.
- 295 teachers and 286 support staff.
- 15 schools and 2 outreach programs.
- We proudly serve the communities of Bow Island, Coaldale, Lethbridge, Picture Butte, Pincher Creek, Taber, and surrounding areas.

Links

The division website:
<http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca>

The Combined AERR/TYEP:
https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/cabinet/2/14/105/Combined_TYEP_2017_2020_and_AERR_2016_2017.pdf

Detailed financial information:
<http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/page.cfm?pgID=294>

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Annual Education Results Report Summary 2016/2017



Student Success

According to the October 2017 Accountability Pillar results:

- The Drop Out Rate for our students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit heritage "Improved," decreasing to 4.9% from the previous 6.3%.
- Over 91% of parents, students, and teachers agreed that our schools are safe and caring, and that the quality of education is excellent.
- A "Very High/Excellent" rating was seen in the following measures:
 - Safe and Caring
 - Program of Studies
 - Education Quality
 - Transition Rate
 - Citizenship
 - School Improvement
 - Parental Involvement
 - High School Completion Rate
- A "High/Good" rating was seen in the following measures:
 - Diploma Exam Participation
 - Drop Out Rate
 - Work Preparation

Our Priorities

Priority 1: Staff and students will grow in their Faith and experience the richness of Catholic education.

Priority 2: All students will develop literacy and numeracy skills that will prepare them for a changing future.

Priority 3: First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students will achieve equitable educational outcomes.

Priority 4: Stakeholders will be well-engaged in the education system

Our Mission:

We are a Catholic Faith Community, dedicated to providing each student entrusted to our care with an education rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, in partnership with home, parish, and society, our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens who will live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith.

Our Catholic Faith is the foundation of all that we do.

Engaging Our Community

Various means of face to face and computer mediated communications are used to consult with administration, staff, students, parents, and community partners. Again this year, the online ThoughtExchange process was used to gain feedback on three questions:

- What aspects of our school life best demonstrate that we are authentically Catholic schools?
- What are some ways our division and schools can strengthen our Catholic identity?
- What are some ways we might better prepare our students for a changing future?

The results of this survey yielded rich qualitative data from 778 participants who provided 1,474 thoughts.

Fiscal Stewardship

Our finances must always reflect our values. To support excellence in learning and ensure that each student has opportunities to become the person God has created him/her to be, financial allocations must support a maximum allotment of dollars to the classroom and complete equity within the distribution of these dollars.

Within the 2016/2017 division budget:

- Over 80% of the 2016/2017 Operating Budget was directed to instruction.
- To ensure lower class sizes, certificated staff over the past five years has grown by 11.4%, while enrolment has increased by 9.2%.
- Facility priorities included the completion of the modernization of St. Michael's School (Pincher Creek) and the continued modernization of St. Patrick School (Taber).