



## About Us

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division has:

- 5079 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- 396 children in Early Learning Programs.
- 571 FTE staff members.
- 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\\_2018\\_2021\\_and\\_AERR\\_2017\\_2018.pdf](https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/_cabinet/2/14/105/Combined_TYEP_2018_2021_and_AERR_2017_2018.pdf)

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

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# Annual Education Results Report Summary 2017/2018



## Student Success

According to the October 2018 Accountability Pillar results:

- Our students of First Nations, Métis or Inuit heritage improved in all nine applicable categories. Of particular note is the 12.1% increase, to 64.2%, in High School Completion Rate.
- Over 92% 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
  - Drop Out Rate
  - Transition Rate
  - Work Preparation
  - Citizenship
  - School Improvement
  - Parental Involvement
  - High School Completion Rate

## 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, Métis and Inuit students will achieve equitable educational outcomes.

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

Our priorities remain rooted in our Mission:

We are 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 812 participants, 77% of whom were parents/guardians, who provided 1,276 thoughts.

## Fiscal Stewardship

Our finances must always reflect our values. To support excellence in learning and ensure that all students receive the opportunities to become the persons God created them 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 2017/2018 division budget:

- The total operating expenditures for the school division were \$63,646,677.
- Nearly 80% of the operating budget was directed to instruction.
- To ensure lower class sizes, certificated staff over the past five years has grown by 11.9%, while enrolment has increased by 4.8%.
- Capital priorities included the completion of the modernization of St. Patrick School in Taber.