



## 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 in May and June annually 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 of each year.

### 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?

After PATs are administered, schools share the preliminary results with parents. Each fall, Individual Student Results (ISPs) are made available to schools that contain official student results. Schools 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?

More information and resources for the PATs are available on the Alberta Education website at <https://education.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests>.

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