



News Release

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Surrey students meet or beat provincial averages in exam performance

District exam results best ever as ten-year trend continues

For the 2005-2006 school year, students in B.C.'s largest school district scored at or above the provincial average in 16 out of 19 Grade 12 exams and in all Grade 10 and 11 exams.

"The exam results are a reflection of the excellent commitment of our teachers and our education leaders through-out our school system," says Surrey School Board chair Shawn Wilson. "The board is proud of our students and staff and celebrates their efforts and continued success."

Surrey School District students also received more top scores. The number of students receiving a C+ or higher was equal to, or better than the provincial average in 15 out of 19 Grade 12 exams. Surrey students underperformed the provincial average in German 12, Spanish 12 and Applications of Math 12; however, few Surrey students were enrolled in German 12 or Applications of Math 12.

Pass rate higher than provincial average

The number of Surrey students passing exams was either at or above the provincial average in 18 out of 19 Grade 12 exams. Across the province, an average of 93.1 per cent of Grade 12 students passed exams, while Surrey's average pass rate was 94.8 per cent; an increase of more than four per cent from the previous year. Pass rates also improved in three out of five Grade 10 exams.

Improvement trend continuing

Many exam-related results are the highest the Surrey School District has seen in the past ten years. Average scores were either equal to, or better than the previous year's scores in 13 of 18 Grade 12 exams (the B.C. First Nations 12 exam was not offered last year). The percentage of students passing improved in eight Grade 12 exams. Pass rates in Surrey improved in five out of six math and science exams and were the best results in ten years.

ESL and Aboriginal results excel

Surrey's English as a Second Language students also have much higher passing and participation rates on most exams than the provincial average. This year's pass rate of 81 per cent for English 12 was 14 per cent higher than Surrey School District's previous best pass rate.

Surrey's Aboriginal students exceeded the average provincial pass rate in nine out of 10 exams participated in, although Aboriginal results tend to fluctuate more than the general population due to the smaller number of students.

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Also, the percentage of graduating Surrey School District students receiving provincial scholarships is estimated to be 12 per cent for the last school year, compared with 7.4 per cent in the 1994-1995 school year; the same year the district's Improving Student Learning Committee was established.

Provincial and district exam results are available at: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/exams/.

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2005/2006 Provincial Examination Results

Examination	District Pass Rate (%)	Province Pass Rate (%)	District Average Score	Province Average Score	District Participation Rate (%)	Province Participation Rate (%)
Applications of Mathematics 12	92	86	62	65	<0.5	2
BC First Nations Studies 12	95	88	66	62	<0.5	2
Biology 12	88	85	71	69	32	28
Chemistry 12	92	92	73	72	24	20
Communications 12	90	91	67	66	14	12
English 12	93	93	70	70	75	65
English Literature 12	97	97	75	74	7	6
Francais Langue Seconde-Immersion 12	99	96	75	71	2	2
French 12	96	94	76	76	7	8
Geography 12	94	94	73	71	18	15
Geology 12	92	92	68	68	1	2
German 12	100	99	79	85	<0.5	<0.5
History 12	92	92	72	72	17	16
Japanese 12	100	98	88	86	<0.5	1
Mandarin Chinese 12	99	99	87	87	3	4
Principles of Mathematics 12	91	89	73	71	38	33
Physics 12	94	94	74	75	14	13
Punjabi 12	100	99	84	83	2	<0.5
Spanish 12	98	97	75	77	4	2
Social Studies 11	92	91	68	68	75	66
English 10	95	94	71	71	84	85
Applications of Mathematics 10	86	84	62	61	4	7
Essentials of Mathematics 10	85	86	60	60	16	16
Principles of Mathematics 10	88	89	65	65	68	64
Science 10	79	79	63	62	84	84

For all district and province exam results, please visit the [BC Ministry of Education website](#).