

2023-2024



# Drumheller Outreach School

Education Plan and  
Annual Education Results Report



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The ultimate goal of the Outreach Program is to get the student back into school and working towards an Alberta High School Diploma and to assist in transitioning into a productive employment or post-secondary education. The school is situated in the downtown business district of Drumheller. It provides a very kind, friendly, low-key environment that allows students to participate in a caring community.

The school has three primary focuses:

1. Work towards an Alberta High School Diploma
2. Move towards successful workplace integration
3. Transition into a regular high school environment

The Drumheller Outreach School works closely with the Drumheller Valley Secondary School to provide optimum learning opportunities for students.

Curtis LaPierre, Principal and Erin Campbell-Bentley, lead teacher, provide the leadership for this program and are pleased with the positive gains made.

The Drumheller Outreach School has met the learning needs of hundreds of students over the years and has proven to be a vital component for student learning and success.

## How does the program work?

- Students work with the lead teacher to build individualized programs from Alberta Education approved courses and within guidelines and set their own long and short term goals.
- Students do independent online work, through GHLA with a subject specific teacher, in a safe, comfortable, friendly, accommodating environment.

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- Courses, activities, and learning goals are set up so students can work at their own pace within parameters as described in the individual education plan/contract.
- The program can accommodate students who require flexible hours and individualized programs.
- Upon successful grade level completion students may progress to the next level with no regard for the usual starting points of the year.
- Social activities will be held to encourage mutual support and friendly interaction among students and family members.

### **Duration of Program**

- The Outreach program is intended to be up to one school year in length. At the end of the first semester some students may be encouraged to return to a regular or alternate program in a high school setting. Students will attend the Outreach from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Because the program is half days there is an expectation for students to do work at home.
- The Outreach program staff will determine the length of the program for each individual student.
- Students who attend but are not completing assignments as per their individual education plan/contract may be asked to leave, may be prohibited from attending until they are ready to submit work for marking, or may be asked to withdraw for a minimum of one to three months. Students may also, at the discretion of staff, be relocated to another workstation within the school. All decisions regarding attendance and progress will be made with the student's best interest in mind while ensuring the integrity of the overall program.

Drumheller Outreach School  
250 Centre Street  
Drumheller, Alberta



# Foundation Statements



## Mission

We provide an alternative education, in a safe and caring environment, promoting positive learning attitudes, respect, and dignity, in keeping with the needs and life situations of students.

## Vision

The ultimate goal of the Outreach Program is to get the student back into school and/or productive employment in the workplace.



# Accountability Statement

The school education plan for the three years commencing September 5, 2023, was prepared under the direction of the Board of Trustees in accordance with responsibilities under the Education Act and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act.

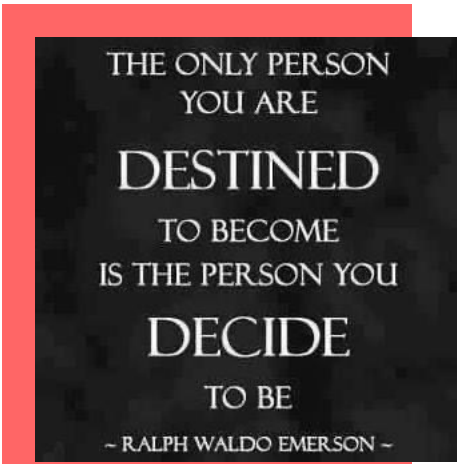
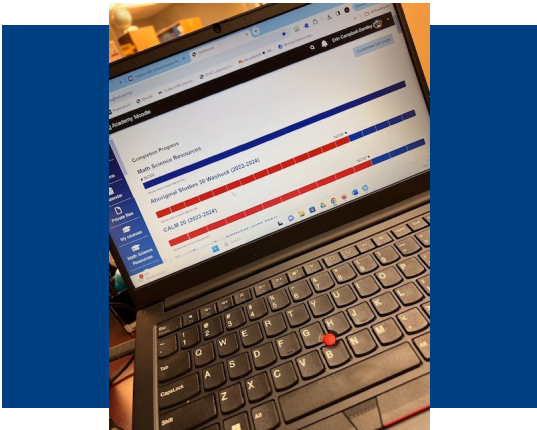
This plan was developed in the context of the provincial government's business and fiscal plans. The Board has used its performance results to develop the plan and is committed to implementing the strategies contained within the plan to improve student learning and results.



# Alberta Education Assurance Measures Overall Summary

Assurance Domain	Measure	Drumheller Outreach			Alberta		
		Current Result	Previous Year Result	Previous 3 Yr Avg	Current Result	Previous Year Result	Previous 3 Yr Avg
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	69.0	45.8	45.8	84.4	85.1	85.1
	Citizenship	87.2	61.5	61.5	80.3	81.4	82.3
	3-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	80.7	83.2	82.3
	5-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	43.9	88.6	87.1	86.2
	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	80.3	75.2	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	21.2	18.2	n/a
Teaching & Leading	Education Quality	81.3	66.7	66.7	88.1	89.0	89.7
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	87.3	80.4	80.4	84.7	86.1	86.1
	Access to Supports and Services	75.0	94.1	94.1	80.6	81.6	81.6
Governance	Parental Involvement	n/a	n/a	n/a	79.1	78.8	80.3

The above n/a are because those results are reflected in both GHLA and DVSS results. We also did not have any parents complete our survey, this is something we will work on, but is part of our overall dynamic, as we have little parent involvement at an outreach school. We are however, pleased with our results that are listed. All of our results went up, some significantly! Citizenship is up 26%, while education quality is up 15%. We are very proud of this. We are always working to get our student engagement up, and are extremely proud that it went up over 23% last year!

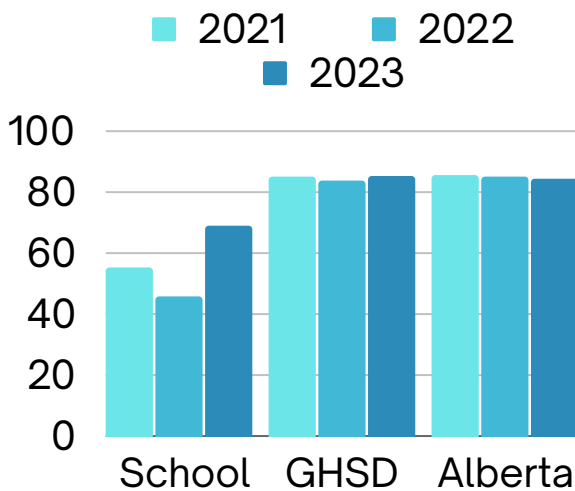




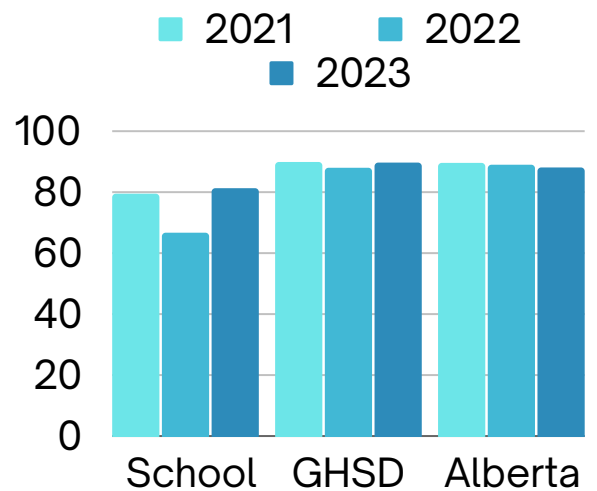
# Goal 1

## Every Student is Successful

Student Learning Engagement



Education Quality



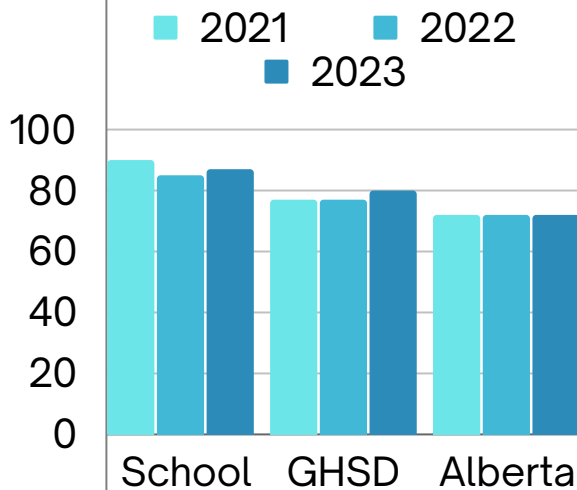
We are working to keep our students engaged. This is a challenge in our three hour school day and when the students are working independently online. We do have as many activities as we can and we also run LS sessions to engage all students. Our three hour day does interfere with our ability to expand further on social activities. We did see a 23% increase in these results this year. This reflects the importance of an outreach. We are very pleased with how the quality of the education we offer is precieved.

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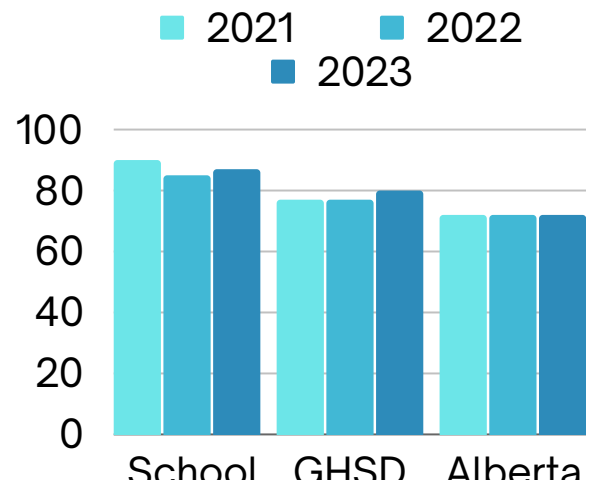
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### Citizenship



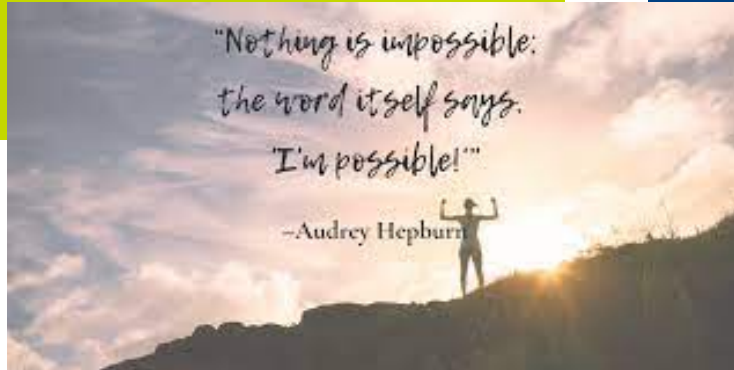
### Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment



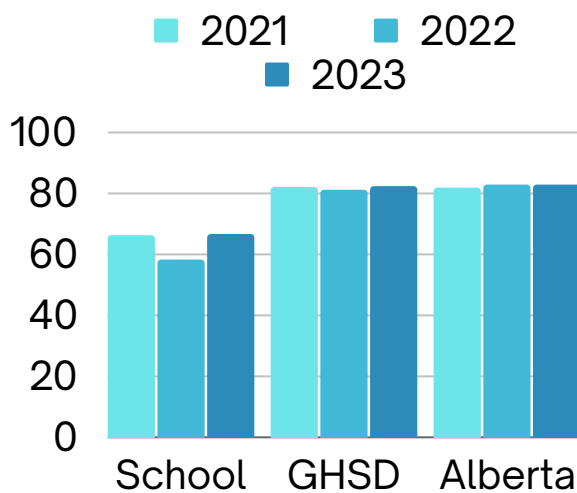
One of the things that we strive to do at the Drumheller Outreach, is to provide each of our students with as many opportunities as possible. This is reflected in our Citizenship results. Our mission is to provide an alternative education, in a safe and caring environment, promoting positive learning attitudes, respect, dignity, in keeping with the needs and life situations of students. Over the last three years, we have accomplished this goal, plan to continue celebrating our complex needs, and promoting the positive learning attitudes with respect and dignity.

# Goal 2

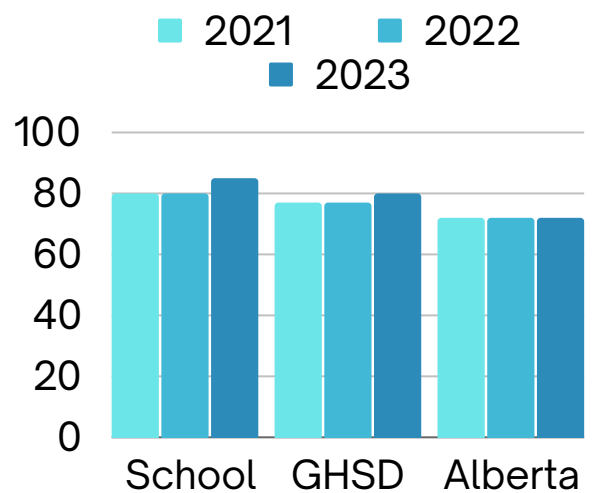
## Program of Studies and Access to Supports and Services



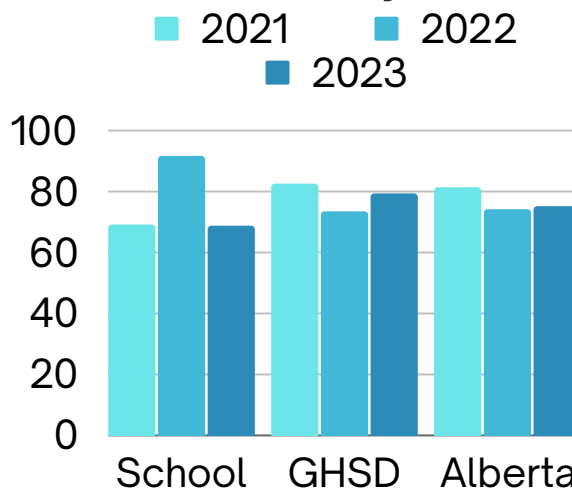
### Students satisfied with broad range of programs of study



### Access to Supports and Services



### Students indicating that their school and jurisdiction have improved or stayed the same over last 3 years







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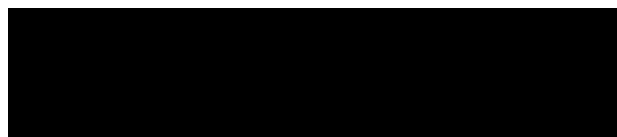
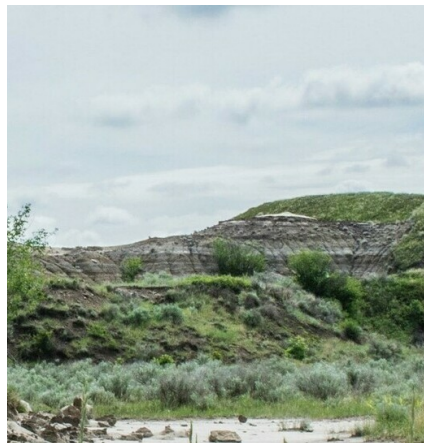
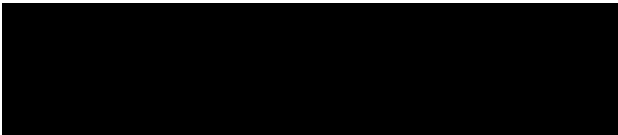
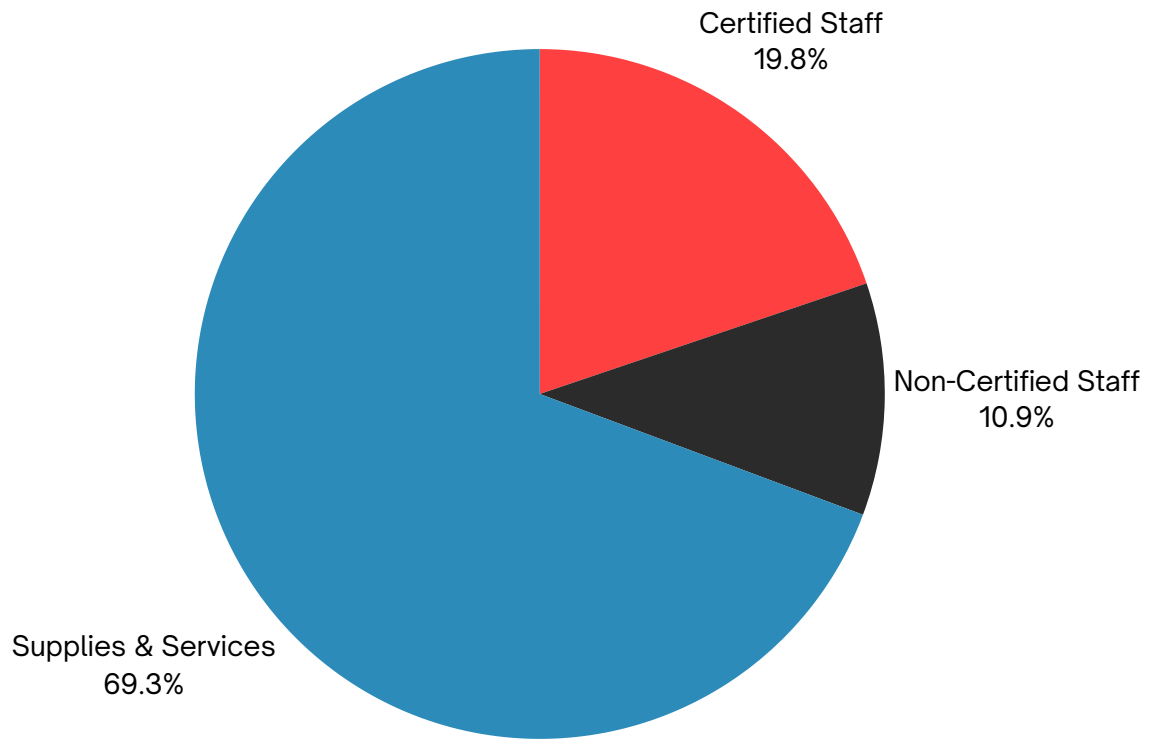
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Our numbers do not reflect the overall measure of education for these Group 2 measures. We assume this has to do with the lack of grades, students graduating, and diploma results. The numbers show a significant increase in being satisfied with the overall quality of basic education, this increased by over 15% from last year. The access to supports and services did decline slightly, but we are still quite high in this category, and have added extra services to the Drumheller Outreach, in order to compensate for our students complex needs. With only being at school for three hours a day, we try to concentrate on the core classes, the classes students need to graduate. We are unable to offer a large range of programs of study, as it needs to be something that is offered online. While there is quite a variety, the examples given on this question include mainly in person courses like drama, band, health, PE. Our students understand this, but this question always runs a little lower in terms of numbers. For the percentage of students indicating that their school and schools in their jurisdiction have improved or stayed the same in the last three years, we find that our students are overly critical about our schools and generally that is because most of them are here due to challenges elsewhere.

If we were full day, we would have many more opportunities to provide our students with a broader range of courses, options, and hands on activities.



# Operating Budget



# Why we are Unique?

We provide an alternative education, in a safe and caring environment, promoting positive learning attitudes, respect, and dignity, in keeping with the needs and life situations of students. Our results reflect this very well as our students feel safe, welcomed, and part of our small, but caring community. Our results do not reflect the education our students receive, the progress they make, and the graduation rate.

The majority of our students are taking online courses, with Golden Hills Learning Academy, and are successful in those courses. Our academic results are included in with GHLA's results, and our students graduate with DVSS.

We have also noticed that many of our results are skewed due to the fact that there are no academic results to coincide with our non-academic results. Drumheller Outreach is a wonderful place to learn, as it is a warm and caring community where everyone is accepted and we celebrate that often.

Congratulations to one of our Drumheller Outreach students who won the Orange Shirt Logo Contest. We are extremely proud of Adrien Lepine for not only winning this, but taking the opportunity to reflect indigenous cultural backgrounds, with current hopes and dreams to create a personally meaningful piece of art.

## This is our opportunity to shine!

