

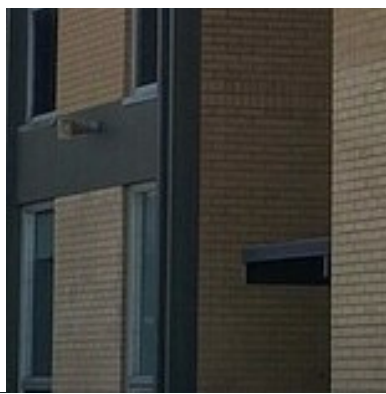
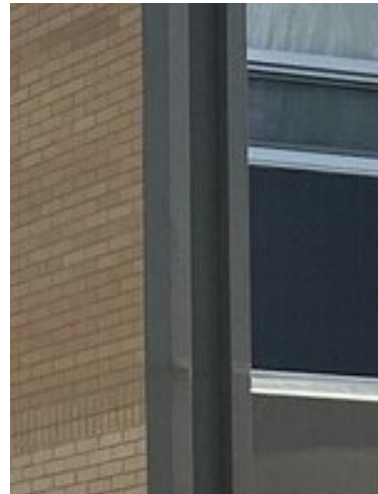
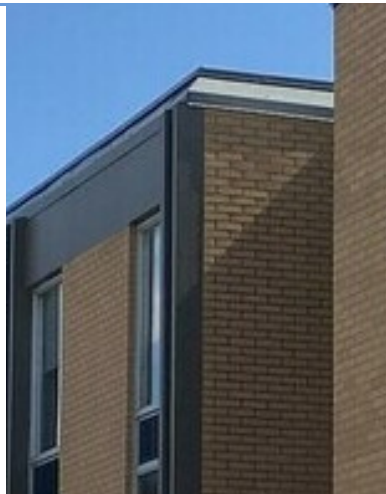
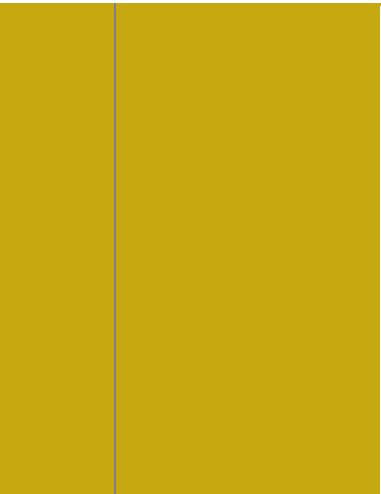
2023-2024



Drumheller Valley Secondary School

Education Plan and
Annual Education Results Report

*“Learning
for Life”*



About DVSS

The Drumheller Valley Secondary School was first opened in 1963 and was a grade 9 to 12 school. In 1991 with the movement of grade levels, to better utilize facilities, DVSS became a grade 7 to 12 school.

As of January 2011, we have moved back to the original campus after a \$19,000,000 renovation. The move was well coordinated and on January 4, 2011, we opened the doors to our new facility. The facility is stunning, modern, refreshed, with an emphasis on natural light and technology. We are all pleased with the contribution of Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure, Golden Hills School Division, and all that were involved in the project.

The school has five primary focuses:

Academics
Career and Technology Studies
Fine Arts
Sports
International Education

DVSS has a dormitory facility, which can house up to 85 students. International students have been a vital part of DVSS for the past eighteen years and have brought many rewards to the school and the community. We have hosted students from Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Ghana, Vietnam, United Arab Emirates, Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Tunisia, Czech Republic, Germany, Belgium, India, Oman, Turkey, Colombia, Taiwan, Jordan, Spain, Italy, Zimbabwe, and the Ivory Coast.

Curtis LaPierre, Principal, Brad Teske and Dana Yemen, Associate Principals are the administrative team.

The students, parents, staff, and community are pleased with the new facility and the educational opportunities it is providing for the students of Drumheller and the world. We have continued to improve on the site since our renovation with the help of our School Council, Friends of DVSS, and community.



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Foundation Statements

Vision -

To Engage Possibilities and Embrace Potential
“Learning for Life...”

Mission -

Inspiring a caring and courageous community of lifelong learners; empowering global citizens for generations.



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.

Message from the Principal

It has now been 12 years since we have moved back into our refurbished facility, and we are pleased to report that the facility has provided tremendous opportunities coupled with a gifted staff and a highly motivated and participatory community.

We have several new initiatives this year. We are fully up and running and back to connecting with our community, hosting several events throughout the year; drama productions, fine arts nights, awards celebrations, sporting events. Second languages are continuing at DVSS this year with our offering of a multi-language lab. Students can select the language they wish to study. It is a huge success with over 30 students taking advantage of the opportunity from grades 7 to 12. We are offering a dual credit program through SAIT - Introduction to Culinary Arts and have \$77,000 of new equipment funded by a grant..

The Friends of DVSS continue to improve school opportunities and have provided literacy resources, technology funding for assistive technology headphones, and upgrades to our powered presentation screen in the Kaleidoscope Theatre. They are continuing their partnerships with the Town of Drumheller. Our Tennis Courts now include new Pickle-ball courts on the existing surface. The cost of the resurfacing was \$56,000. Our robotics and coding programs continue to grow and expand their resources, including the use of 3D printers. The Chartered Professional Accountants have donated an additional \$10,000 towards new equipment for the computer labs. Our next endeavour will be in the replacement of equipment in our building construction shop as many of the pieces are past their prime; such as, plainer, band saws, sanders, and scroll saws. We have continued with our three initiatives introduced last year. A school wide focus on belonging, conversations around resiliency, and instruction around memory & recall.

The Friends of DVSS and School Council are always looking for new participants so please keep them in mind. I would also like to thank all the DVSS volunteers and grad sponsors for their support. We are excited to share DVSS events with our community and we invite volunteers and grad sponsors to join us once again.

We are looking forward to a tremendous 2023/2024 school year,

Sincerely,

Curtis LaPierre, B.Ed., M.A.L.
Principal



Alberta Education Assurance Measures

Overall Summary

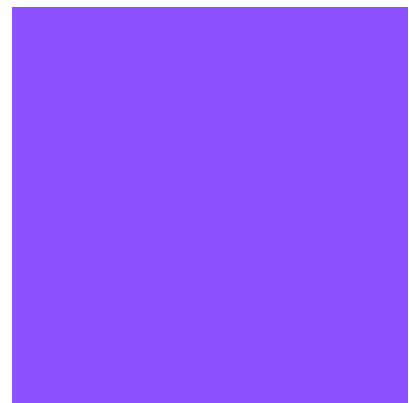
Assurance Domain	Measure	DVSS			Alberta		
		Current Result	Previous Year Result	Previous 3 Yr Avg	Current Result	Previous Year Result	Previous 3 Yr Avg
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	84.3	83.4	83.4	84.4	85.1	85.1
	Citizenship	73.2	76.6	79.4	80.3	81.4	82.3
	3-year High School Completion	84.4	89.5	85.6	80.7	83.2	82.3
	5-year High School Completion	93.3	88.2	90.1	88.6	87.1	86.2
	PAT: Acceptable	65.9	52.6	n/a	63.3	64.3	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	13.0	7.9	n/a	16.0	17.7	n/a
	Diploma: Acceptable	65.0	60.8	n/a	80.3	75.2	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	14.2	13.3	n/a	21.2	18.2	n/a
Teaching & Leading	Education Quality	87.2	86.2	88.2	88.1	89.0	89.7
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	78.3	80.6	80.6	84.7	86.1	86.1
	Access to Supports and Services	84.2	79.6	79.6	80.6	81.6	81.6
Governance	Parental Involvement	83.4	82.1	80.2	79.1	78.8	80.3



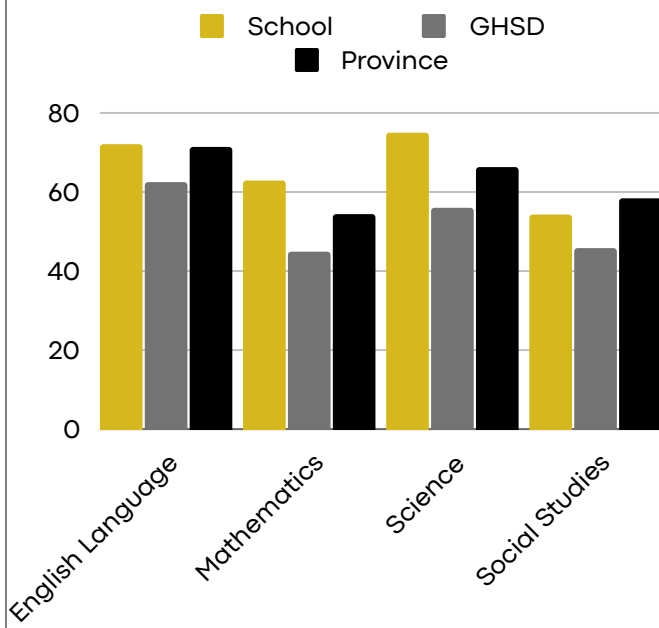


Goal 1

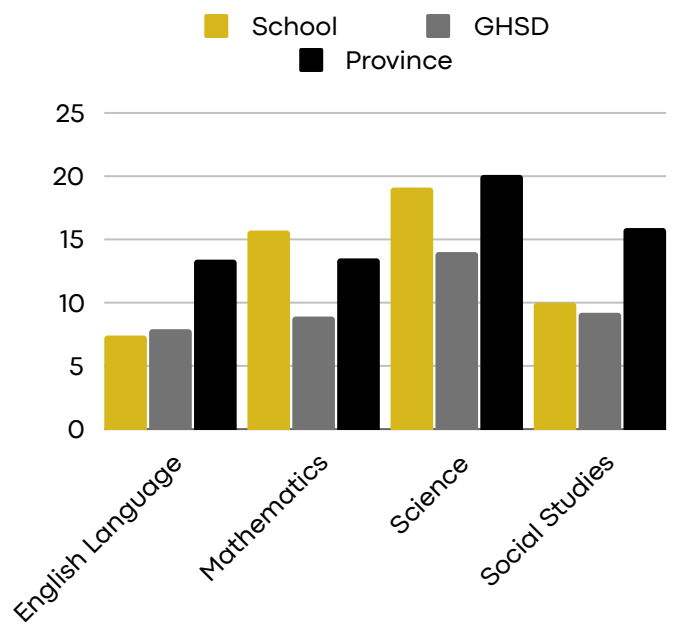
Student Growth and Achievement



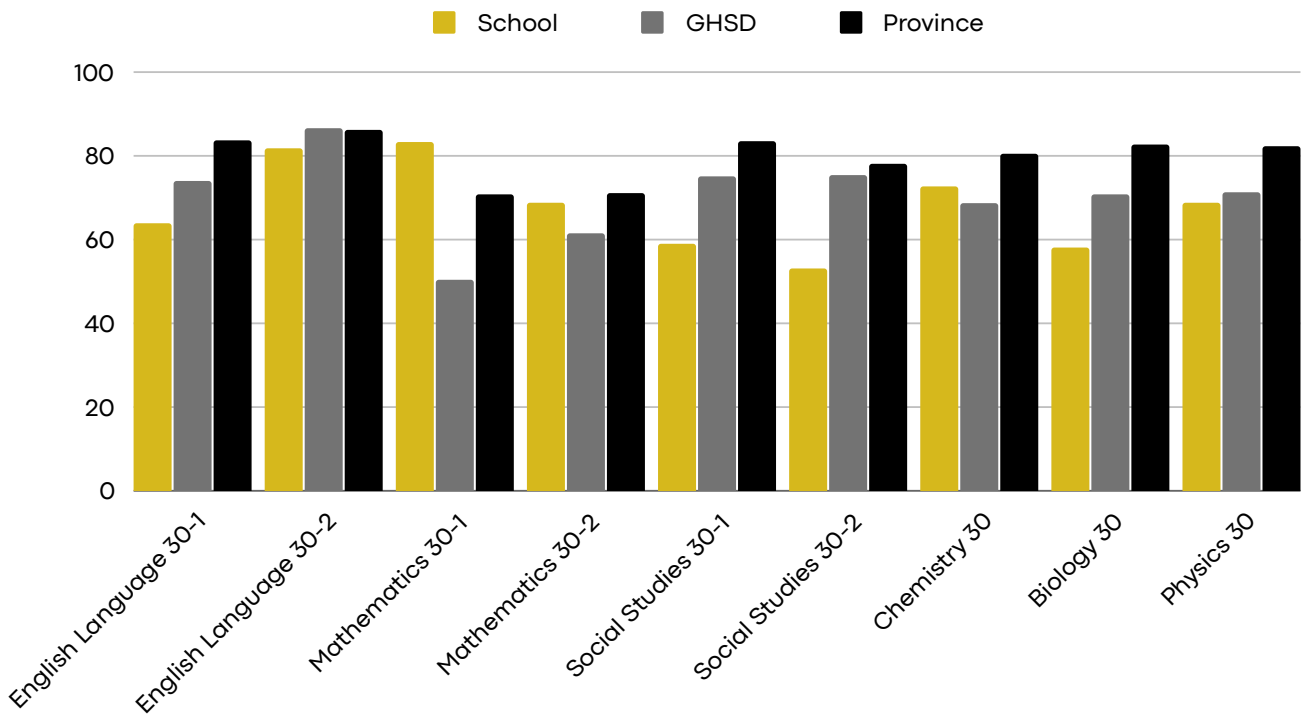
Grade 9 PAT Acceptable



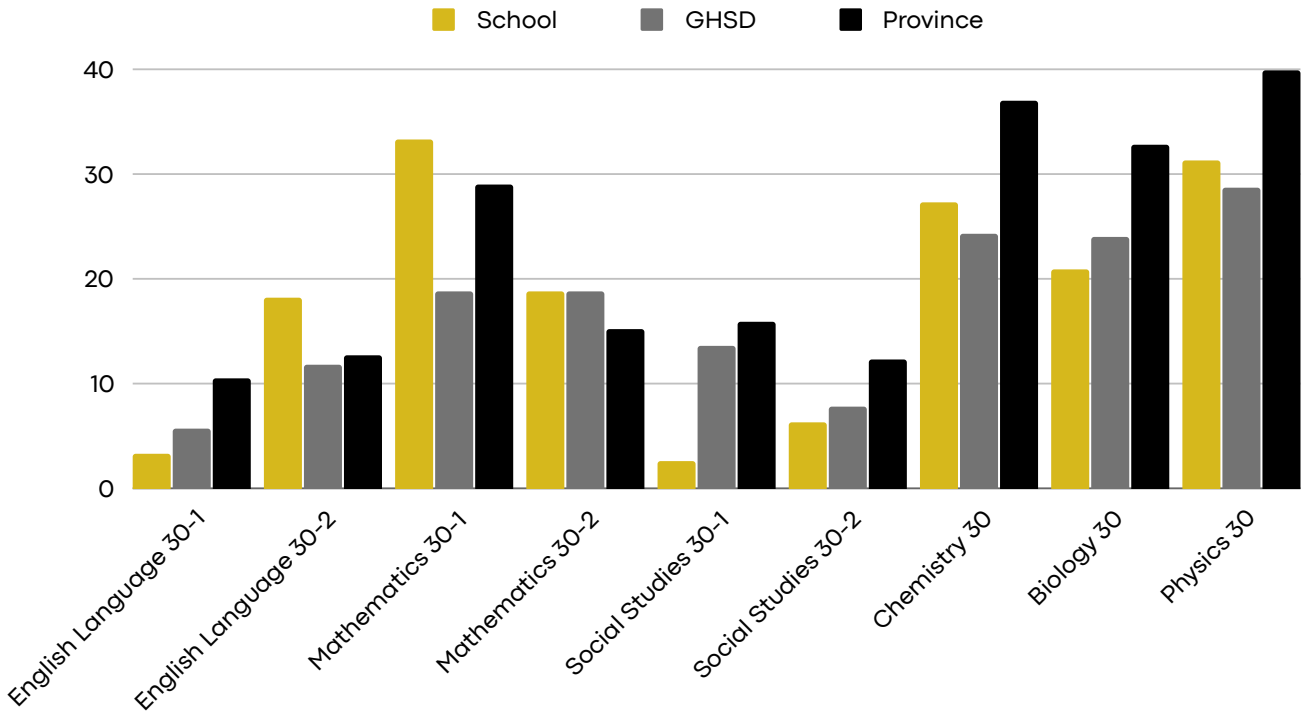
Grade 9 PAT Excellence



Diploma Exam Results - Acceptable

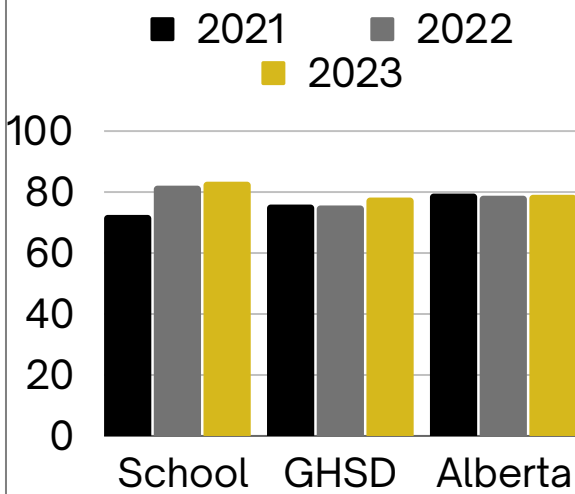


Diploma Exam Results - Excellence

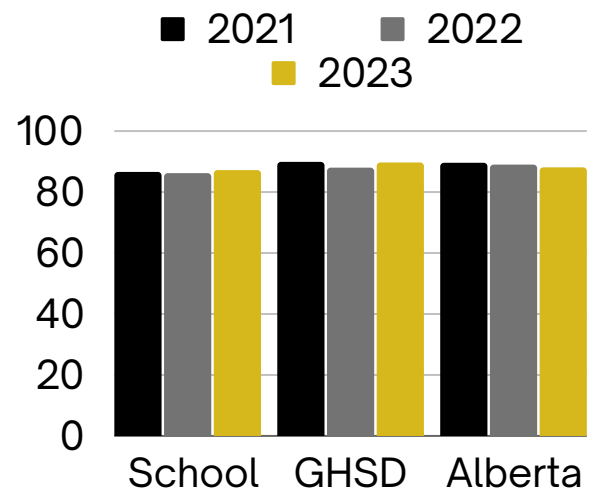




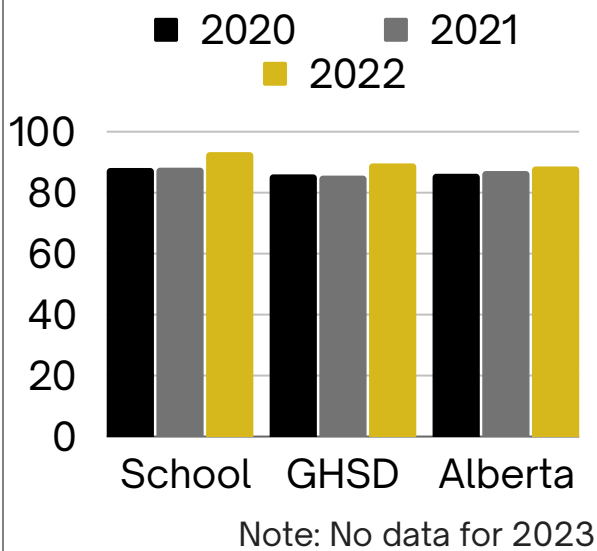
Parental Involvement



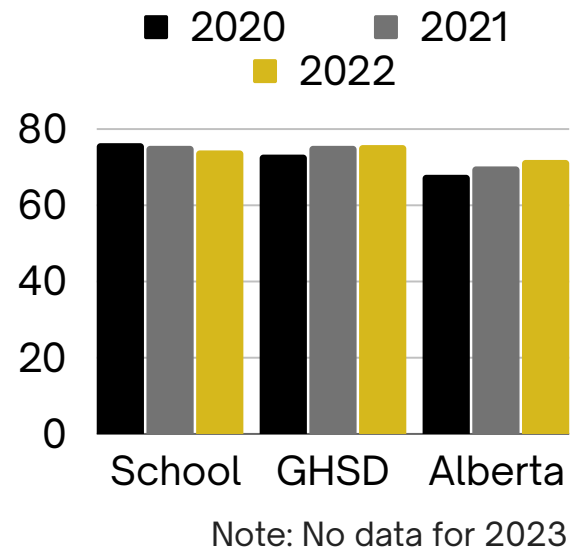
Transition Rate (6 year)



5 Year High School Completion Rates



Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate





Our Results and School Strategies - Goal 1

Our **5-year high school completion rate** continues to be excellent overall. We are proud of our student's achievements and the support our community provides at Drumheller Valley Secondary School. We truly believe "it takes a community to raise a child" and we continue to see excellent results overall in **parental involvement**. Our School Council and Friends of DVSS have been keystones in supporting our school. **Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility** remains above the Provincial levels, demonstrating the level of high academics at our school. Mathematics 30-1 is above both the authority and the province at the acceptable level. Math 30-2 is above the authority, as well as Chemistry, at the acceptable level. English 30-2 and Math 30-1 results are above the authority and province at the excellence standard.

We are a multi-cultural school, home to many international students each year. Our results in the humanities can be attributed to our high English as a second language (ESL) learner population and our belief that it is important to support students' in their academic goals to keep opportunities and career doors open, not focusing on only achieving excellent results for reporting purposes. That being said, our results have shown improvement in comparison to last year in almost all curricular areas even though we are still experiencing the impacts of school closures and loss of learning from COVID. Our provincial achievement test results have also increased overall in both acceptable and standard of excellence area; they are above the authority results in all subject areas and above the province in english, mathematics, and science.

Transition rates and **high school completion rates** are High, indicating we are enabling students to succeed in their future endeavours, opening the doors to post-secondary institutions for further studies and pathways to enter the workforce into careers.

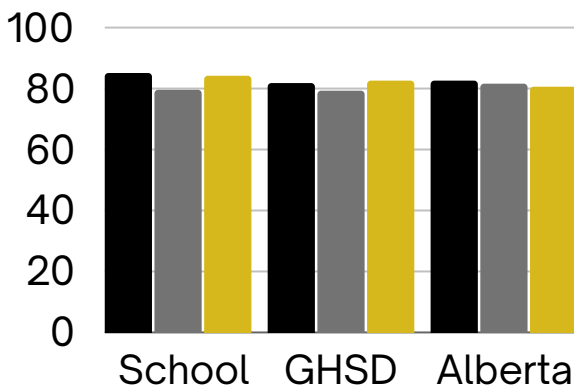


Goal 2

Belonging & Resilience

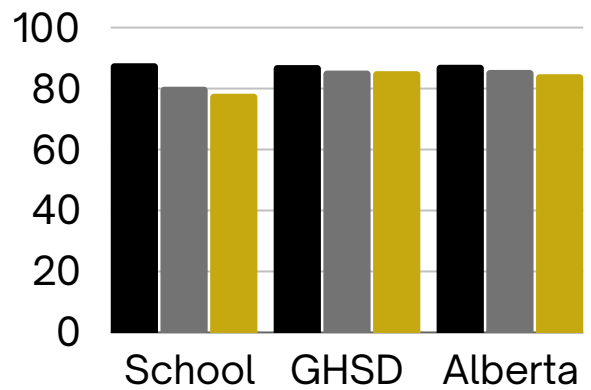
Access to Supports and Services

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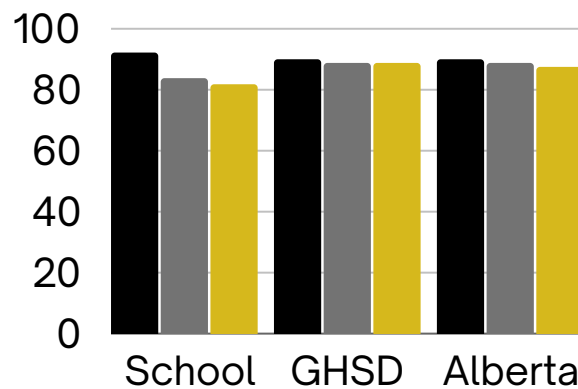
Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment

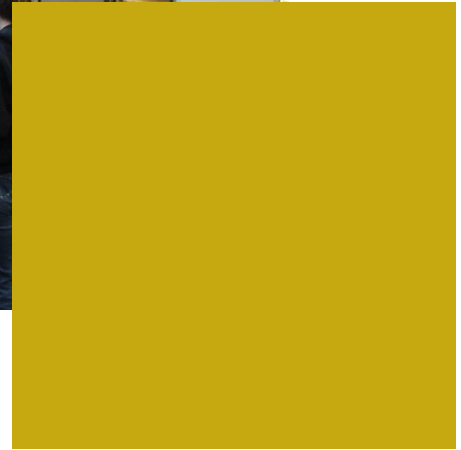
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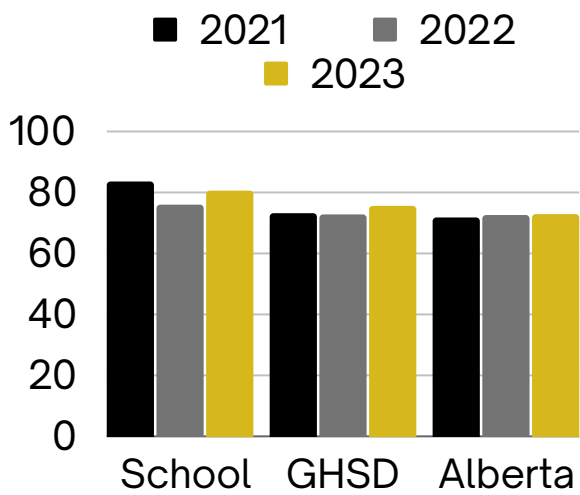
Safe and Caring

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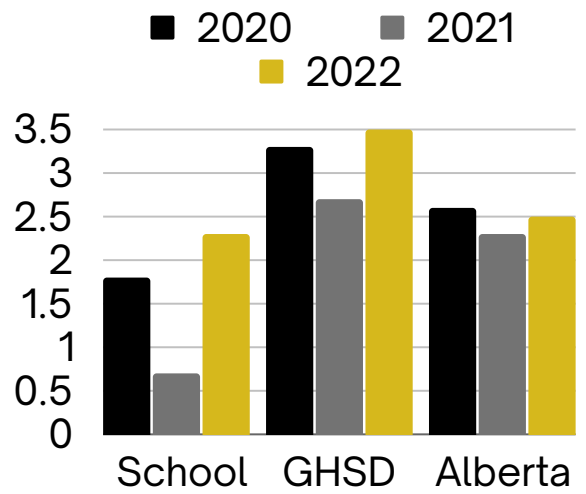




Satisfaction To Program Access



Drop-Out Rate



Note: no data for 2023



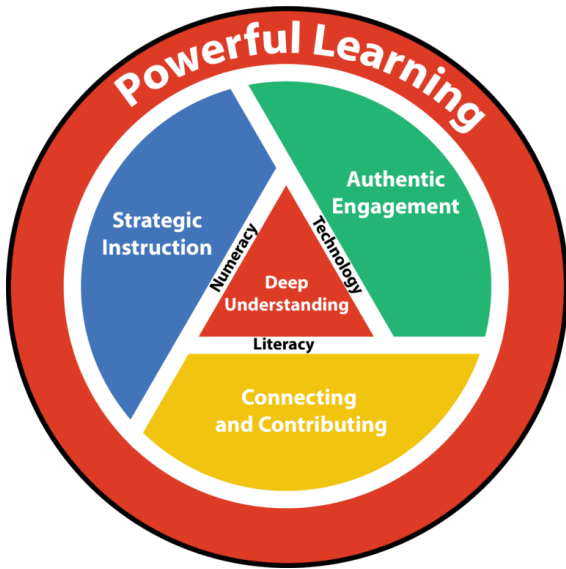
Our Results and School Strategies - Goal 2

Our access to supports and services has shown an improvement this year, and we are happy to have increased our Family School Community Resource Counsellor role to a full-time position at Drumheller Valley Secondary School. Mental health challenges have continued to rise across the province, and our school is no exception. Students and families need support. Our focus for last year and this year has been around “Belonging and Resilience” and it has aligned with our Division’s Professional Development Leadership Series based on Dr. David Tranter’s 2018 Nelson Educators Third Path work including a study of the Third Path resources created by Dr. Tranter, Lori Carson, and Tom Boland. This resource highlights the role of relationship-based approaches in student well-being and achievement; “Caring, intentional and responsive relationships are at the heart of learning and growth”. This strategy is timely as our results have maintained overall in the categories of **safe and caring** and **welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment** but declined from our parent responses. Of note, student feedback illustrates an improvement in this area however.

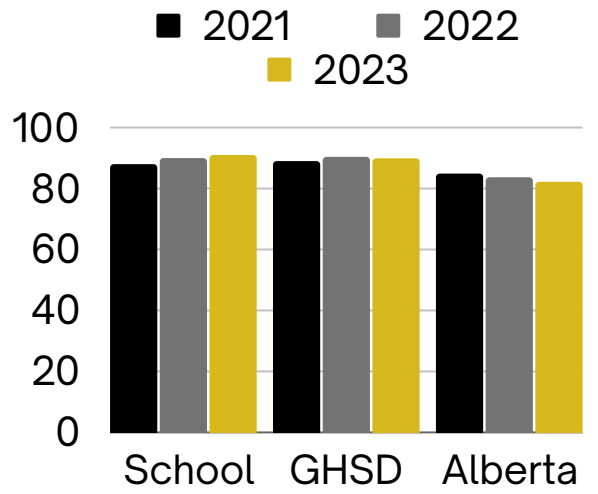
Our Drop-Out rate continues to be excellent overall, indicating that students are being supported in their achievement of an Alberta High School Diploma and not ending their school journey prior to Graduation. Drumheller Valley Secondary School provides a wide range of options courses, including but not limited to coding, robotics, fine arts, construction, welding, cooking, cosmetology, drama, strings, athletic pursuits, work experience and RAP opportunities. Technology integration is embedded in regular instructional practices, and our high results support our population’s **satisfaction with program access**.

Goal 3

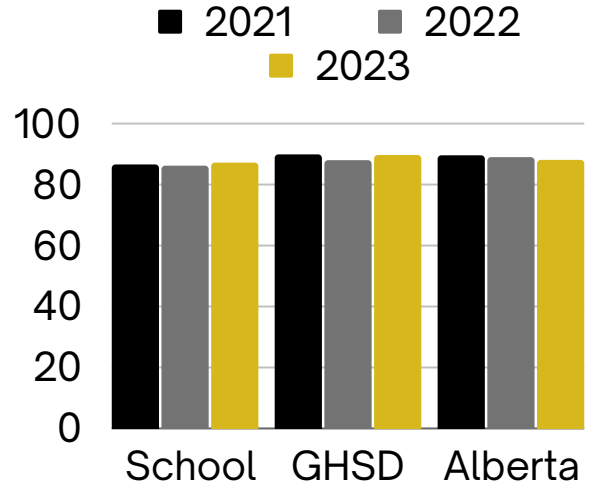
Powerful Learning



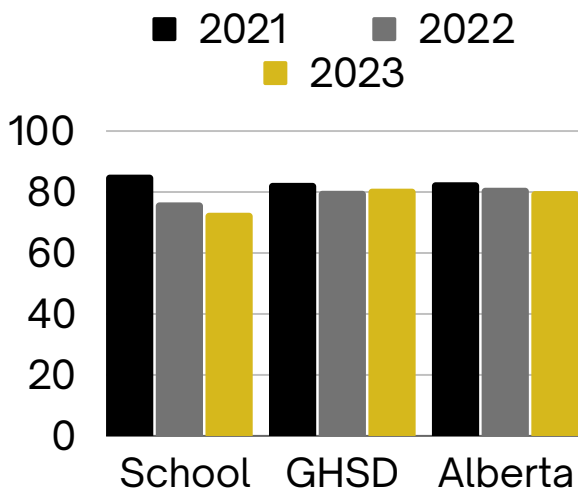
In-Service Jurisdiction Needs



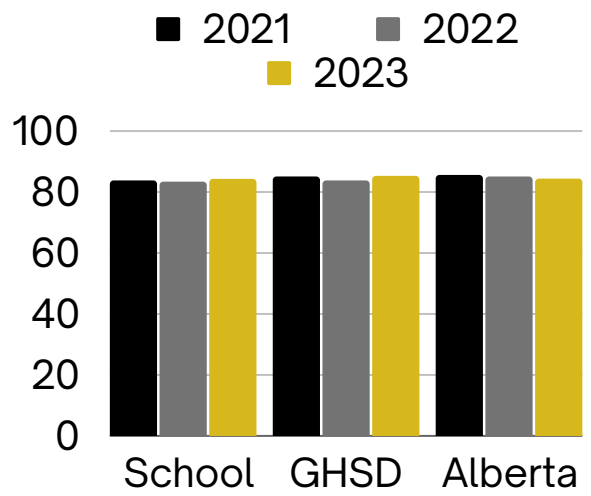
Education Quality



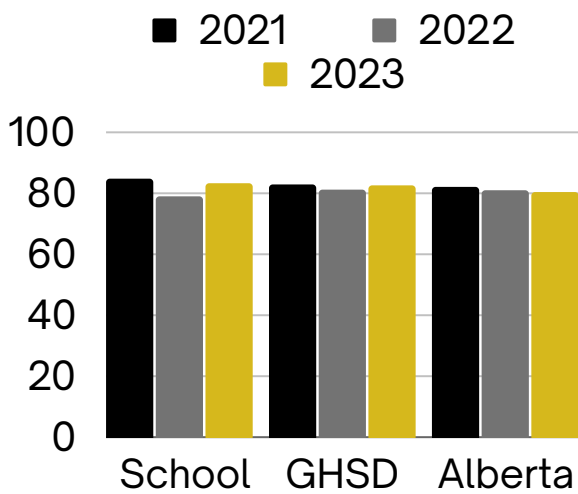
Citizenship



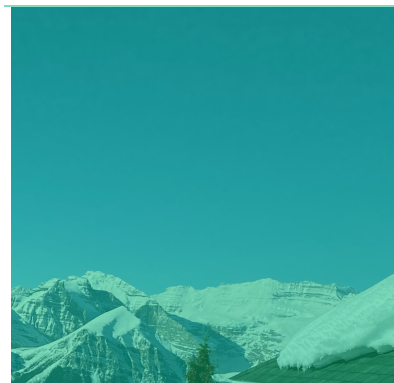
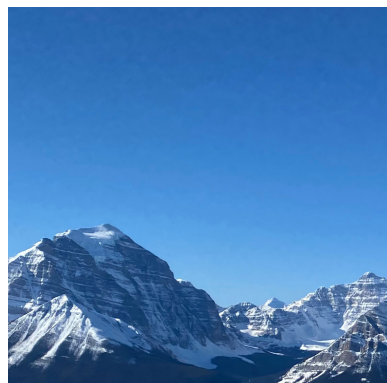
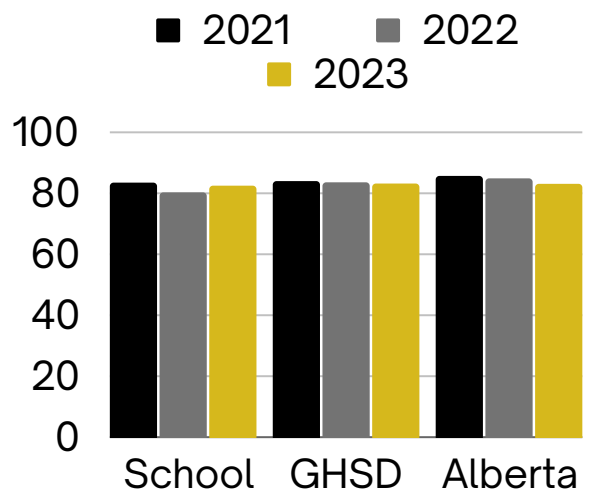
Student Learning Engagement



Lifelong Learning



Work Preparation



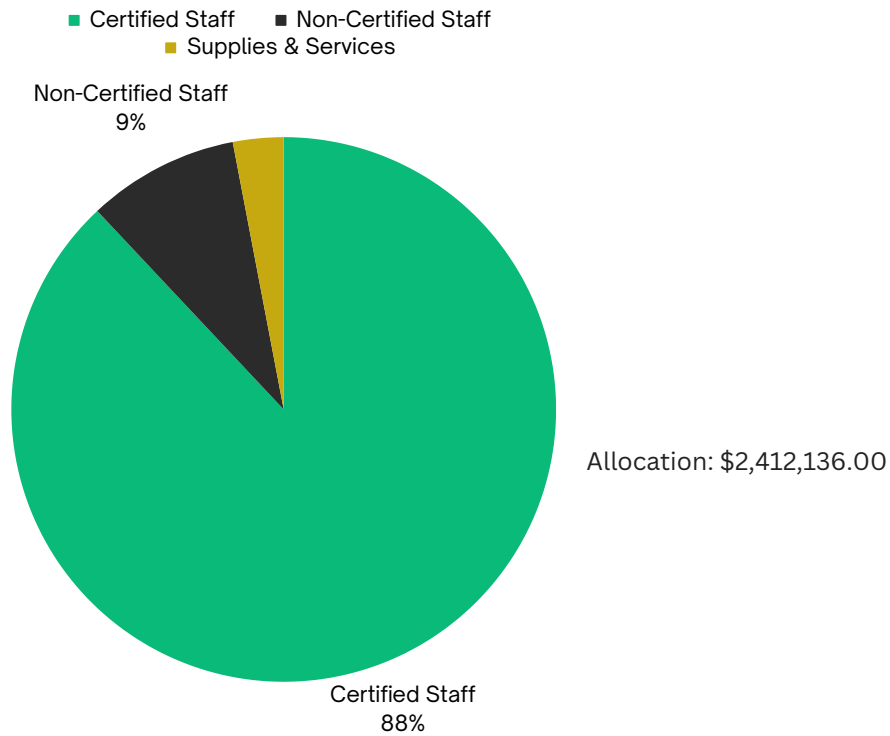
Our Results and School Strategies - Goal 3

The Golden Hills School Division, our authority, has a key focus of designing learning experiences that will enable our students to grow and learn in ways that are Powerful and to have deep understanding. The three key areas of focus for educators are strategic instruction, authentic engagement, and connecting and contributing. Through Division-wide collaboration, professional development opportunities, Division-based Instructional Coaches, and school based professional learning communities (PLCs) at the school site, we target these areas to provide our students instruction and feedback to support growth. As our results show, our teachers believe that our system wide focus of “*Powerful Learning*” has contributed to their growth and the growth in our authority. The results also continue to support this through the lenses of **Education Quality**, **Student Learning Engagement**, and **Work Preparation** showing improvements or maintaining high levels of reporting compared to our Authority and the Province.

Our teachers are using Powerful Learning strategies in the classroom along with support in Division wide Collaboration groups to enhance instructional strategies. Student Learning Engagement and Education Quality continue to improve, similar result as Division and Province. The Province has slowly been declining, however DVSS has shown small improvements each year in our school’s focus area of “**Lifelong Learning**”. We have participated in the Professional Development Leadership series with Katie White and are working on the hard and soft areas of assessment to maintain the **Education Quality** improvements. Although we have taken several steps to target Citizenship, and it is embedded in our Powerful Learning Initiatives and our curricular outcomes, particularly in Social Studies, we will intentionally target this area in the coming years as it has started to decline.



Operating Budget



Facilities and Capital Plan

Facilities continues to make improvements in facility associated with new heat pumps, lighting, kitchen & foods lab exhaust systems, and newly installed electric car chargers.





School Highlights

As a grade 7 to 12 school, it is obvious that we need to be highly adaptable and comfortable with change. There have been many growth areas over the past few years: social media, courses in technology, a shifting student population in terms of academics, social emotional health, and behaviours. A shift to online learning and a reculturing of school culture because of COVID. The good news is, we have found our way. Is there still work to be done? Absolutely, the spirit of the day must be a willingness to adapt so that we can continue to provide the best educational opportunities for students. To fill students with possibilities, opportunity, and dispel fear, in the knowledge and attitude that they can and will thrive.

Powerful Learning: Connecting & Contributing

- Students' Council
- School Council
- Terry Fox Run
- Remembrance Day
- Multi-Cultural Celebration
- BCF Impact Day
- Ronald McDonald House Fundraising
- 30 Hour Famine
- Town of Drumheller Piano Painting
- Valley Learning Garden Boxes
- School Lunch Program
- Christmas Hampers
- Salvation Army Food Drive
- Pop Tab Challenge
- Seniors' Dinner
- Friends of Rachel Club (F.O.R. Club)
- Alberta Student Leadership Conference Hosts 2020
- Volunteerism
- Co-Curricular Field Trips
- Winter Travel Trip
- Water Experience Trip
- Grade 8 Outdoor Ed Trip
- Work Experience
- RAP-Registered Apprenticeship Program
- Green Certificate Program
- Olds College Open House
- SAIT Open House
- ELAA Host School - Education Liason Association of Alberta
- Veterinary Technical Assistan Dual Credit Certificate Progr

School Culture

- Learning Strategies
- International Program
- Sports
- 2 Fine Arts Nights
- Career Exploration Day
- Christmas Variety Show
- Intramurals
- No Regrets Day
- Graduation Ceremony
- Creative Writer's Club
- Drama Club
- Magic Club
- Soccer Team
- Ski Club
- Jr Skills Exploration Day
- Jr Achievement
- Rock Show
- Drama Performances
- Talent Show
- Seniors' Dinner
- F.O.R. Club - Friends of Rachel
- Track & Field Meet

School Improvement

- Leadership
- New Gym Mural
- Walls and doors painted
- New Chromebook Carts
- Health Care Aide Dual Credit Program
- Bow Valley Dual Credit Program
- Mount Royal Dual Credit Program
- Co-Curricular Field Trips
- Multi Languages Lab
- Student Parking Lot Paved
- Tennis Courts Re-surfaced
- Evergreened Computers
- New ViewSonic Classroom Boards
- Gym Floor Re-surfaced
- \$77,000 Grant- New Kitchen Equipment
- New Theatre Screen Upgrade





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