2024-2025

Prairie Christian Academy





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ABOUT PRAIRIE CHRISTIAN

Prairie Christian Academy has been operating since 2003 as part of GHSD and continues the Christian School traditions of Prairie Bible Institute. Our origin stems from 1938 when Prairie General Education formed as an extension of Prairie Bible Institute. Back then, Prairie's founder, J. Fergus Kirk was concerned that his children and others in the community had a Christ centered education. Growing from the original class of 11, PCA now has over 320 students in its Kindergarten to Grade 12 programs. Students have come from all over the world to study in these halls and graduate into hundreds of vocations and careers. In September 2003 steps were made to form Prairie Christian Academy, an alternate public school under the Golden Hills School District. This decision not only increased resources for our educational system, but also gave the primary stakeholders - the parents – more of a governing position in their children's education. The distinctive of Biblically based teaching and discipleship is still at the cornerstone of Prairie Christian Academy. We embrace the Godly heritage that is ours and look forward to the future of

continuing to provide quality education that is fully integrated with God's word and Christian principles. In September 2016, we amalgamated into a modernized building with K-12 on the same site.



PROFILE

Prairie Christian Academy is an alternate status school, located in the growing community of Three Hills, operating as a part of the Golden Hills School Division. We are a fully funded public school offering a distinctive evangelical Christian program that begins in the classroom but extends throughout all aspects of our school community. We are a K-12 school with enrolment of approximately 330students. We also operate a dormitory for grade 9 -12 students with a current population of approximately 25 students, many of which are International Students.

Foundation Statements

Mission

Inspiring Learners To Discover, Discern and Defend Truth

Vision

"We will foster a Christ-centred culture of truth, grace, and love through the discipleship of all students and staff in order to serve PCA, our community and the world."



Alberta Education Assurance Measures Overall Summary

Assurance Domain	Measure	SCHOOL NAME			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	85	75	79	84	85	85
	Citizenship	90	80	84	80	81	82
	3-year High School Completion	97	91	91	81	83	82
	5-year High School Completion	95	100	99	88	87	86
	PAT 6: Acceptable	80	74	74	68	66	66
	PAT 6: Excellence	30	7.4	7.4	20	18	18
	PAT 9: Acceptable	76	86	86	63	63	63
	PAT 9: Excellence	21	32	32	15	15	15
	Diploma: Acceptable	68	69	69	81	80	80
	Diploma: Excellence	20	19	19	22	21	21
Teaching & Leading	Education Quality	90	82	84	87	88	88
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	94	82	87	84	85	85
	Access to Supports and Services	83	79	77	80	81	81
Goverance	Parental Involvement	91	82	82	80	79	79



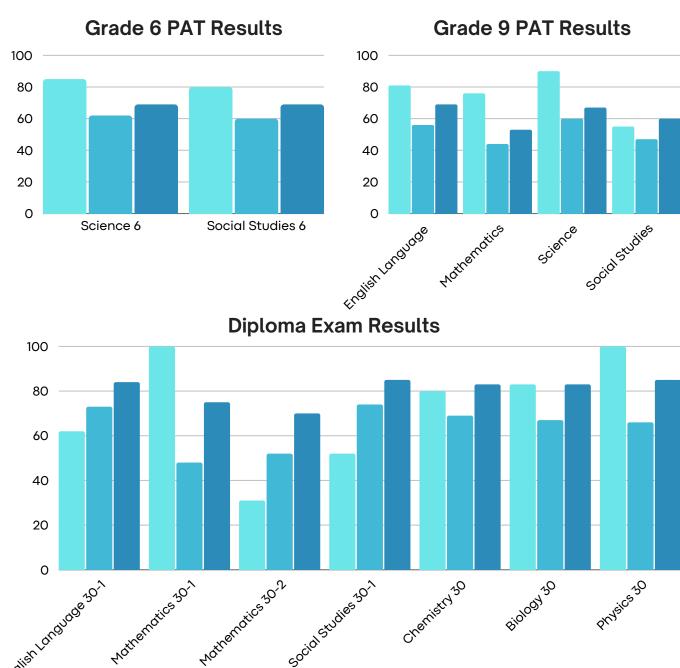






Goal 1

Every Student is Successful



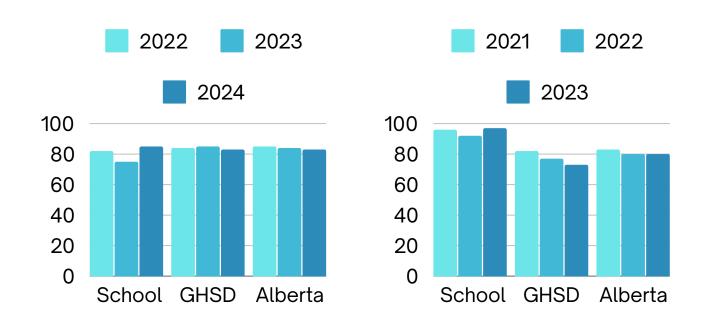


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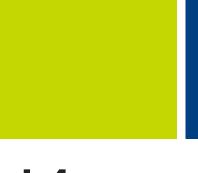
The 2023-2024 school year was the first to feel a semblance of normalcy in a few years. However, as predicted, our students continue to struggle with high stakes examinations, both at the school level and the provincial level. We are continuing to work as a staff to recover the learning gaps that many students experienced. We have seen strong recovery in our PAT results, but still see struggles with our diploma results. Many predicted this coming out of the pandemic, that it would take many years to fully recover, and the diploma results have reflected this. However, we will continue to work with our coaches and alongside our kids to continue the work to overcome these deficits.

Student Learning Engagement

High School Completion Rates

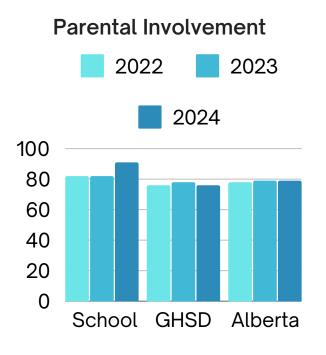








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We saw a strong rebound in many of our results this year, and this is a reflection of the hard work of teachers to rebuild relationships and connections with both students and parents. Last year was the first year of a proper Parent Council, and I believe this has led to a greater sense of parent involvement on their part. .







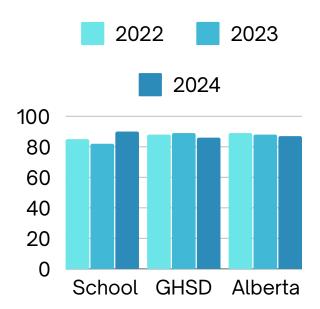


Goal 2

Literacy and Numeracy Success for all Learners

We continue to make use of division coaches, PLC's and new curriculum sessions to always strive to be making improvements in literacy and numeracy. Through early literacy and numeracy programs along with levelled literacy intervention to address deficiencies from the pandemic, our staff is working hard to ensure the best supports for students.

Education Quality



Our Results

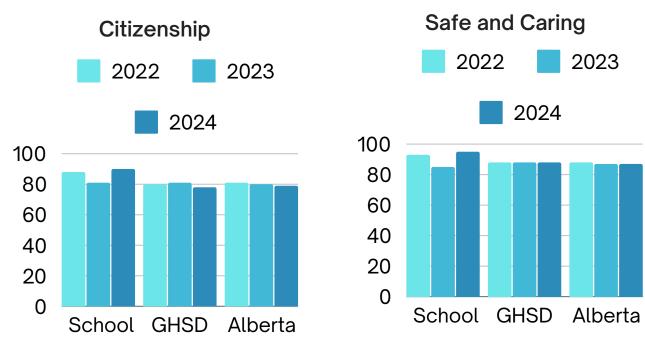
We saw a positive recovery in our community views on our Education Quality, along with strong results on our PAT assessments. I believe this is a reflection of the hard work of staff to ensure positive classroom environments and support students and parents as best we can.



Goal 3

Promote well-being through positive relationships and skill building

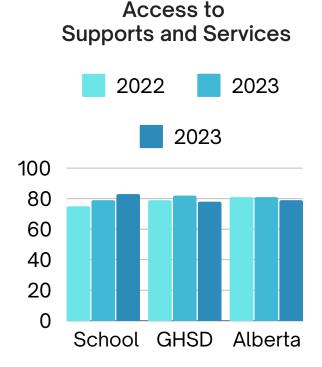
Our school commitment to community and beyond shows strongly in this category. Our weekly chapels and monthly service trips along with annual service trips to Blue Bronna, Camp Hope, and Colombia build student capacity and citizenship. We have seen senior high students in particular leaping at the chance to provide missional work.





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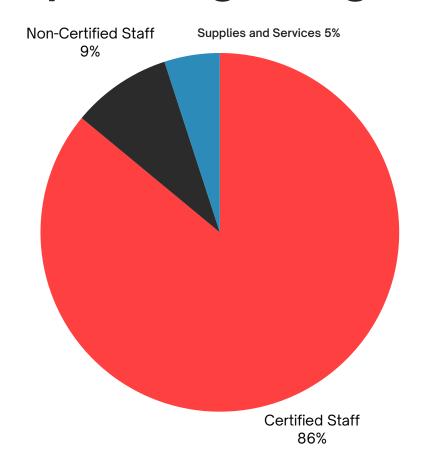
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We saw significant increases in all 3 key indicators for this goal. This is reflective of our commitment to always looking for ways to serve the community, along with working alongside kids to ensure they are feeling like school is a safe environment. Our student supports staff has also worked hard at ensuring all kids have the supports necessary for success.

Operating Budget



Facilities and Capital Plan

We are blessed to have a fantastic facility that was renovated in 2016 into our current building. In recent years, GHSD has added a modular classroom, expanded our parking lot and is planning to wrap the parking lot around the south side. These are welcome additions to our facility and are greatly appreciated. We are blessed to have outstanding maintenance and custodial staff and supervisors.



School Highlights

We are excited about the future of Prairie Christian Academy. Heading into 2024-2025, we were expecting a decline of about 10-15 students, and instead ended up with an increase of approximately 10. One area of concern is our international program, which saw a decrease of 10 students this year. We are not entirely sure of the reasons, although there are political decisions that have impacted student visas, but we are working along with our society and GHSD International to increase recruiting and restore the dormitory to its former enrolment. Prairie College is in the midst of building a new dormitory building, and we are optimistic that will help attract new students.

We continue to work on increasing interactions between our elementary and secondary grades. We have developed a "team" system, whereby multi-graded teams work together for various activities over the year to earn points for their team. This is helping to make these strong connections. High school students serve as work experience students in elementary classrooms, our senior high phys ed class helps organize our elementary fun field day and we provide opportunities such as pep rallies and Christmas concerts for the each division to support the others. We have the strong support of our PCA Society that supports the school in areas such as playground development, funds for athletics that helps keep player fees down, and school vehicles that can be used for field trips and events. Our school has strong athletics teams, fine arts programs and student activities that provide opportunities for our students to experience and showcase the various events that interest them.

