



AIMS 4TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL REPORT CARD (RC4)

Nova Scotia High Schools

A set of requests under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* have yet to result in the release in Nova Scotia of several measures that are readily available in other Atlantic Canadian jurisdictions: complete standardized test results, comparable teacher-assigned grades, attendance figures, or the postal code data for students.

Despite this, we continue to have access to the sample of exams that are centrally marked to assess high school achievement. We also use post-secondary achievement, grade retention, and post secondary participation, and for the first time we are able to compute post-secondary preparation measures for math and language arts.

Once again, Islands Consolidated was the top-ranked school in Nova Scotia, earning the province's only A. This school continues to excel in both our absolute measures and measures in context. While above average in most measures, it continues to do particularly well in both standardized testing and in post-secondary performance. Several schools made considerable improvements in performance over the past year, in particular Cape Breton Highlands Academy, which improved from C+ to a B+.

While no school earns a failing grade, three schools got Ds: Hants North High School, Lunenburg Junior-Senior High School, and River Hebert District High School. Hants North continues to struggle, having earned a D in the previous Report Card, while the latter two schools fell from C+ and C grades, respectively. In addition, several schools exhibited declines in their grades over the past year, including Rankin Memorial School, falling from an A to a C+; Pictou Academy-Dr. T. McCulloch School, falling from a B+ to a C+; and Musquodoboit Rural High School falling from a B to a C.

RC4 Final Rank	RC4 Final Grade	RC3 Final Grade	School Name, Community	RC4 Absolute Overall Performance	RC4 Overall Performance in Context
1	A	A	Islands Consolidated School, Freeport	A	A
2	B+	B+	Charles P. Allen High School, Bedford	A	B+
3	B+	C+	Cape Breton Highlands Academy, Terre Noire	B+	B+
4	B+	B+	Dalbrae Academy, Southwest Mabou	B+	B+
5	B+	B+	Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional School, Antigonish	B+	B+
6	B+	B+	Queen Elizabeth High School, Halifax	B+	B
7	B+	B	St. Patrick's High School, Halifax	B+	B
8	B+	B	Richmond Academy, Louisdale	B	B+
9	B+	B	Horton High School, Wolfville	B+	B
10	B	B	Baddeck Academy, Baddeck	B	B+

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11	B	B	Prince Andrew High School, Dartmouth	B+	B
12	B	B	Riverview High School, Coxheath	B	B
13	B	B	Sydney Academy, Sydney **	B	B
14	B	B	New Germany Rural High School, New Germany	B	B
15	B	B+	St. Mary's Academy, Sherbrooke	B	B
16	B	B+	Auburn Drive High School, Cole Harbour	B	B
17	B	C+	West Kings District High School, Auburn	B	B
18	B	C+	Barrington Municipal High School, Barrington Passage	B	B
19	B	B	Middleton Regional High School, Middleton	B	B
20	B	B	Sackville High School, Lower Sackville	B	B
21	B	C+	Shelburne Regional High School, Shelburne	C+	B
22	B	B	Sir John A. Macdonald High School, Hubley	B	C+
23	B	C+	Memorial High School, Sydney Mines	C+	B
24	B	B+	Parrsboro Regional High School, Parrsboro	C+	B
25	C+	C+	Pugwash District High School, Pugwash	C+	B
26	C+	B	Annapolis West Education Centre, Annapolis Royal	C+	B
27	C+	C+	Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School, Bridgewater **	C+	B
28	C+	C+	Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, Yarmouth	C+	B
29	C+	C+	Eastern Shore District High School, Musquodoboit Harbour	C+	C+
30	C+	B	Forest Heights Community School, Chester Basin	C+	B
31	C+	B	Halifax West High School, Halifax	B	C+
32	C+	B	Breton Education Centre, New Waterford	C+	B
33	C+	C+	Inverness Academy, Inverness	C+	B
34	C+	C+	Dartmouth High School, Dartmouth	C+	C+
35	C+	C+	Hants East Rural High School, Milford Station	C+	C+
36	C+	C+	Cobequid Educational Centre, Truro	B	C+
37	C+	B	East Antigonish Academy, Monastery	C+	B
38	C+	C+	Chedabucto Education Centre-Guysborough Academy, Guysborough	C+	C+
39	C+	C+	St. Mary's Bay Academy, Weymouth	C+	B
40	C+	C+	North Colchester High School, Tatamagouche	C+	C+
41	C+	B+	Pictou Academy-Dr. T. McCulloch School, Pictou	C+	C+
42	C+	C+	J.L. Ilesley High School, Halifax	C+	C+
43	C+	C+	Bridgetown Regional High School, Bridgetown	C+	C+
44	C+	B	North Queens Rural High School, Caledonia	C+	C+
45	C+	C+	Digby Regional High School, Digby	C+	C+
46	C+	C+	Springhill Junior-Senior High School, Springhill	C+	C+
47	C+	C+	Amherst Regional High School, Amherst	C+	C+
48	C+	C+	Liverpool Regional High School, Liverpool	C	C+
49	C+	C+	Lockeport Regional High School, Lockeport	C	C+
50	C+	C+	Park View Education Centre, Bridgewater **	C+	C+
51	C+	C+	South Colchester Academy, Brookfield	C+	C+
52	C+	A	Rankin Memorial School, Iona	C+	C+
53	C+	C+	Cabot High School, Neil's Harbour	C	C+
54	C+	C	Central Kings Rural High School, Cambridge Station	C	C+
55	C+	C+	Strait Area Education-Recreation Centre, Port Hawkesbury	C	C+
56	C+	C	Northeast Kings Education Centre, Canning	C	C+
57	C	*	Lockview High School, Fall River	C+	C
58	C	C	Duncan MacMillan High School, Sheet Harbour	C	C
59	C	C	Millwood High School, Lower Sackville	C	C
60	C	B	Musquodoboit Rural High School, Middle Musquodoboit	C	C
61	C	C+	Holy Angels High School, Sydney	C	C
62	C	C	Drumlin Heights Consolidated School, Glenwood	C	C
63	C	C+	Canso Academy, Canso	D	C
64	C	C+	Oxford Regional High School, Oxford	C	C
65	C	C	Cole Harbour District High School, Dartmouth	C	C

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66	D	C	River Hebert District High School, River Hebert	D	C
67	D	C+	Lunenburg Junior-Senior High School, Lunenburg	D	D
68	D	D	Hants North Rural High School, Kennetcook	D	D
*	*	B+	Advocate District School, Advocate Harbour	*	*
*	*	*	Avon View High School, Windsor	*	*
*	*	*	Centre scolaire Étoile de l'Acadie, Sydney	*	*
*	*	*	École acadienne de Pomquet, Pomquet	*	*
*	*	*	École acadienne de Truro, Truro	*	*
*	*	*	Ecole Beau-Port, Arichat	*	*
*	*	*	École de la Rive Sud, Blockhouse	*	*
*	*	*	École du Carrefour, Dartmouth	*	*
*	*	*	École NDA, Cheticamp	*	*
*	*	*	École Rose-des-Vents, Greenwood	*	*
*	*	*	École secondaire de Clare, Meteghan River	*	*
*	*	*	École secondaire de Par-en-Bas, Tusket	*	*
*	*	*	Glance Bay High School, Glance Bay	*	*
*	*	*	North Nova Education Centre, New Glasgow	*	*
*	*	*	Northumberland Regional High School, Alma	*	*

* Grades are based on a three year rolling average. If a school does not have at least two years of data for a particular measure it will not receive a grade for that measure. RC4 is based on data from the school years 2001/02, 2002/03 and 2003/04.

** The province of Nova Scotia does not require international baccalaureate students to write provincial exams. Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School also extended a similar exemption to all advanced placement students from 2000-2001 through to 2002-2003. We have nevertheless decided to include the exam grades for all available schools on the following grounds:

1. The performance on provincial exams by the affected schools is reasonably comparable to the performance on the other available measures.
2. The number and quality of other measures provided, including engagement scores and post-secondary achievement results, is a reasonable proxy for the limitations of the provincial exam data.
3. Overall performance by the affected schools has seen them consistently spread throughout the overall rankings from among the strongest to the weakest school performances. There is thus no apparent overall negative effect on the assessment of these schools' performance due to the special circumstances surrounding this one measure.

General

- A more detailed breakdown of the results for each ranked high school has been published as an insert in the March issue of *Progress* magazine. A copy of this insert can be found online at <http://www.aims.ca/library/rc4insert.pdf>
- A further expanded data set, including the available results for all reported schools, plus expanded sub-measures for ranked schools will soon be made available online to allow for an inter-active cross school comparison on any available measure or a combination of measures. Please watch our website at www.aims.ca or subscribe to our newsletter at <http://www.aims.ca/newsletters.asp?cmPageID=200> for an update when this information becomes available.
- Adult high schools, private schools, correctional schools, personnel schools, alternate-education schools, and First Nations schools are not reported and no partial data will be made available for them.