



## AIMS 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL REPORT CARD (RC6)

### Nova Scotia High Schools

Two years ago, a ruling by Nova Scotia’s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Officer confirmed that the release of student achievement data was in the public interest. However, AIMS is still not able to report locally assigned exam grades or attendance in Nova Scotia schools, as some boards are still not able to access this information or simply refuse to do so.

Following the closing of Queen Elizabeth High School in Halifax, last year’s top ranked school, we were assured a new school at the top of the rankings. Cape Breton Highlands Academy in Terre Noire jumped from third place in RC5 to take over the number one spot in the province, maintaining an ‘A-’ grade. Cape Breton Highlands was the only school in Nova Scotia to achieve an ‘A’ grade, with Charles P. Allen in Bedford also maintaining its ‘B+’ grade from last year to claim second spot in the rankings. Dalbrae Academy in Southwest Mabou saw its grade drop from an ‘A-’ to a ‘B+’ but still finished third overall.

Several schools saw improvements of two grade levels. Rankin School of the Narrows and Pictou Academy-Dr. T. McCulloch School both improved from a ‘C+’ to a ‘B’ and finished eighth and ninth overall, respectively. Canso Academy (‘C’ to ‘B-’) and Annapolis West Education Centre (‘C’ to ‘B-’) also improved by two grade levels. Springhill Junior-Senior High School was the only school to see its grade decline more than two levels, falling from a ‘B-’ to a ‘C-’.

We were unable to award final grades to five schools that received grades in RC5 due to an insufficient number of students attending post-secondary institutions, including last year’s second place school, Island Consolidated in Freeport. We are also unable to award final grades to schools in Conseil scolaire acadien provincial, as schools in this board do not write exams in as many subject areas as the Anglophone school boards.

RC6 Final Rank	RC6 Final Grade	Final RC5 Grade	School Name, Community	RC6 Absolute Overall Performance	RC6 Overall Performance in Context
1	A-	A-	Cape Breton Highlands Academy, Terre Noire	A-	A-
2	B+	B+	Charles P. Allen High School, Bedford	A-	B
3	B+	A-	Dalbrae Academy, Southwest Mabou	A-	B+
4	B+	B+	Baddeck Academy, Baddeck	B	A-
5	B+	B+	Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional School, Antigonish	B+	B
6	B	B+	Richmond Academy, Louisdale	B	B
7	B	B+	Riverview High School, Coxheath	B	B
8	B	C+	Rankin Memorial School, Iona	B+	B-
9	B	C+	Pictou Academy-Dr. T. McCulloch School, Pictou	B	B
10	B	B	Pugwash District High School, Pugwash	B-	B
11	B	B+	Barrington Municipal High School, Barrington Passage	B	B
12	B	B-	Sir John A. Macdonald High School, Hubley	B	B-

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13	B	B	Halifax West High School, Halifax	B	B
14	B	B-	New Germany Rural High School, New Germany	B-	B
15	B	B	Prince Andrew High School, Dartmouth	B	B-
16	B	B-	North Colchester High School, Tatamagouche	B	B
17	B	B	St. Mary's Academy, Sherbrooke	B	B
18	B	B-	Auburn Drive High School, Cole Harbour	B	B-
19	B-	B	Horton High School, Wolfville	B-	B
20	B-	C+	Drumlin Heights Consolidated School, Glenwood	B-	B-
21	B-	B	Middleton Regional High School, Middleton	B-	B-
22	B-	C+	South Colchester Academy, Brookfield	B-	B
23	B-	C+	Lockview High School, Fall River	B-	B-
24	B-	C+	Central Kings Rural High School, Cambridge Station	B-	B-
25	B-	B-	J.L. Ilsley High School, Halifax	B-	B-
26	B-	B-	Dartmouth High School, Dartmouth	B-	B-
27	B-	B	Eastern Shore District High School, Musquodoboit Harbour	B	C+
28	B-	C+	Cobequid Educational Centre, Truro	B-	B-
29	B-	C	Canso Academy, Canso	B-	B-
30	B-	B-	Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School, Bridgewater	B-	B-
31	B-	B-	West Kings District High School, Auburn	C+	B-
32	B-	C+	Inverness Academy, Inverness	B-	B-
33	B-	C+	Digby Regional High School, Digby	B-	B-
34	B-	B-	Sackville High School, Lr Sackville	B-	B-
35	B-	B-	Park View Education Centre, Bridgewater	B-	B-
36	B-	B-	North Nova Education Centre, New Glasgow	C+	B-
37	B-	B-	Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, Yarmouth	C+	B-
38	B-	C+	Avon View High School, Windsor	C+	B-
39	B-	C+	East Antigonish Academy, Monastery	C+	B-
40	B-	B-	Memorial High School, Sydney Mines	C+	B-
41	B-	C	Annapolis West Education Centre, Annapolis Royal	C+	B-
42	C+	B-	Bridgetown Regional High School, Bridgetown	C+	B-
43	C+	B-	Chedabucto Education Centre-Guysborough Academy , Guysborough	C+	B-
44	C+	C+	Glace Bay High School, Glace Bay	C+	B-
45	C+	C+	Amherst Regional High School, Amherst	C+	C+
46	C+	C+	Strait Area Education-Recreation Centre, Port Hawkesbury	B-	C+
47	C+	C+	Hants East Rural High School, Milford Station	C+	C+
48	C+	B-	Shelburne Regional High School, Shelburne	C+	B-
49	C+	C+	Liverpool Regional High School, Liverpool	C+	C+
50	C+	C+	Holy Angels High School, Sydney	C+	B-
51	C+	C+	St. Mary's Bay Academy, Weymouth	C	B-
52	C+	B-	Sydney Academy, Sydney	C+	C+
53	C+	C+	Breton Education Centre, New Waterford	C+	C+
54	C+	B-	Forest Heights Community School, Chester Basin	C+	C+
55	C+	B-	Parrsboro Regional High School, Parrsboro	C+	C
56	C+	C	Northumberland Regional High School, Alma	C+	C
57	C	C+	Lunenburg Junior-Senior High School, Lunenburg	C	C
58	C	C	Oxford Regional High School, Oxford	C	C
59	C	C	Millwood High School, Lower Sackville	C	C
60	C	C	Northeast Kings Education Centre, Canning	C	C
61	C	C+	Cole Harbour District High School, Dartmouth	C	C
62	C	C	Duncan MacMillan High School, Sheet Harbour	C	C
63	C-	C	Cabot High School, Neil's Harbour	C-	C
64	C-	C	Musquodoboit Rural High School, Middle Musquodoboit	C-	C-
65	C-	B-	Springhill Junior-Senior High School, Springhill	C-	D
*	*	*	Advocate District School, Advocate Harbour	*	*

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*	*	*	Centre scolaire Étoile de l'Acadie, Sydney	*	*
*	*	*	Citadel High School, Halifax	*	*
*	*	*	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	*	*
*	*	D	Hants North Rural High School, Kennetcook	*	*
*	*	A-	Islands Consolidated School, Freeport	*	*
*	*	C-	Lockeport Regional High School, Lockeport	*	*
*	*	B	North Queens Rural High School, Caledonia	*	*
*	*	C-	River Hebert District High School, River Hebert	*	*

\* 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. RC6 is based on data from the school years 2003/04, 2004/2005, and 2005/2006.

\*\* The province of Nova Scotia does not require international baccalaureate students to write provincial exams. We have nevertheless decided to include the exam grades for all available schools on the following grounds:

1. The number and quality of other measures provided, including engagement scores and post-secondary achievement results, is a reasonable counterweight for the limitations of the provincial exam data.
2. 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.

\*\*\* The data used in determining Nova Scotia's Provincial Exam Measures came from the central sample of exams marked by the department of education for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years, while data for 2005-2006 was provided by the school boards as marked by classroom teachers. Provincial exam data for 2005-2006 was not made available by the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board, so only those schools with data on a sufficient number of exams received grades on these measures.

Data for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 exams, as marked by classroom teachers, was available from some boards but as it did not cover the majority of students tested, these data were left out for this analysis.

The province did not provide the 2005-2006 centrally marked sample broken out on a school-by-school basis as they had expected boards to report actual grades assigned by teachers. A request has now been submitted to the province to continue to supply this data until all boards are fully reporting the actual results.

\*\*\*\* Nine schools in the province provided incomplete postal code data for determining their schools' socio-economic status (SES) measure:

- Six schools provided student postal code data for determining without including weighting factors. For these schools, each postal code was weighted equally to determine the SES score for the school.
- Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School included the number of students from postal codes outside of Yarmouth town limits, but only included the number of students within the town limits rather than for the individual postal codes within town limits. For this reason, all postal codes within the town limits were equally weighted, and then this SES measure for Yarmouth town was weighted by the number of students within the town and combined with the remaining SES factors outside of Yarmouth town weighted by the number of students in each postal code provided by the school.
- Two schools in the province, Rankin School of the Narrows and École de la Rive Sud, did not supply postal code data for students to determine their SES score. The catchment area for these schools was used, where available, to determine their SES score.

## General

- A more detailed breakdown of the results for each ranked high school is 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/rc6insert.pdf>
- A further expanded data set, including the available results for all reported schools, plus expanded sub-measures for ranked schools is available on the AIMS website at [www.aims.ca](http://www.aims.ca).
- Adult high schools, private schools, correctional schools, personnel schools, alternate-education schools, and First Nations schools are not reported and no partial data is available for them.