

AIMS 7th Annual High School Report Card (RC7)

Nova Scotia High Schools

There are four new measures available this year for Nova Scotia schools. Thanks to AIMS' many battles with school boards over access to public information about school performance, everyone now has access to Attendance Rates, along with Teacher Assigned Grades in Math, Science, and Language Arts in Nova Scotia schools; information that was formerly refused the public.

Even with the additional measures, the top two schools from last year's report remain the same. Cape Breton Highlands Academy in Terre Noire and Charles P. Allen High School in Bedford; both achieved 'A-' grades to maintain first and second place in Nova Scotia. Cape Breton Highlands maintained its grade from last year while C.P. Allen improved upon last year's 'B+'. Barrington Municipal High School improved from a 'B' and joined the top two schools with an 'A-' grade to take third spot.

There are schools that do not receive an overall grade because information is missing for the three year rolling average used for this report. In some cases, it is to protect the privacy of students. For instance, in the case of post-secondary achievement, if we can not collect the data from at least two post-secondary institutions with results for at least five students, then the data is not included and no grade is given.

| RC7 Final Rank | RC7 Final Grade* | Final RC6 Grade | School Name, Community | RC7 Overall Performance Absolute | RC7 Overall Performance in Context |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | A- | A- | Cape Breton Highlands Academy, Terre Noire | A- | А |
| 2 | A- | B+ | Charles P. Allen High School, Bedford | A- | B+ |
| | | | Barrington Municipal High School, Barrington | | |
| 3 | A- | В | Passage | B+ | A- |
| 4 | B+ | B+ | Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional School, Antigonish | B+ | B+ |
| 5 | B+ | В | Richmond Academy, Louisdale | B+ | B+ |
| 6 | B+ | В | Halifax West High School, Halifax | B+ | В |
| 7 | B+ | B- | Middleton Regional High School, Middleton | B+ | B+ |
| 8 | В | B- | Dartmouth High School, Dartmouth | В | B+ |
| 9 | В | В | St. Mary's Academy, Sherbrooke | В | B+ |
| 10 | В | B- | Canso Academy, Canso | В | B+ |
| 11 | В | В | Auburn Drive High School, Cole Harbour | B+ | В |
| 12 | В | В | North Colchester High School, Tatamagouche | В | В |
| 13 | В | B+ | Dalbrae Academy, Southwest Mabou | В | В |
| 14 | В | B- | Drumlin Heights Consolidated School, Glenwood | В | В |
| 15 | В | C+ | Holy Angels High School, Sydney | В | В |

To learn more detail please view the complete report card by following **this link**. Or connect to the On-Line interactive Report Card at **this link**.

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| 16 | В | C+ | Breton Education Centre, New Waterford | B- | В |
| 17 | В | B- | Inverness Academy, Inverness | В | В |
| 18 | В | B- | Lockview High School, Fall River | В | В |
| 19 | В | В | Sir John A. Macdonald High School, Hubley | В | B- |
| 20 | B- | В | Riverview High School, Coxheath | В | B- |
| 21 | B- | * | Hants North Rural High School, Kennetcook | B- | В |
| 22 | B- | B- | Horton High School, Wolfville | B- | B- |
| 23 | B- | B- | Central Kings Rural High School, Cambridge Station | B- | B- |
| 24 | B- | B- | Park View Education Centre, Bridgewater | B- | B- |
| | | | Chedabucto Education Centre-Guysborough | | |
| 25 | B- | C+ | Academy , Guysborough | B- | В |
| 26 | B- | C+ | Shelburne Regional High School, Shelburne | В- | В- |
| | | | Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School, | | |
| 27 | B- | B- | Bridgewater | B- | B- |
| 28 | B- | В | Pugwash District High School, Pugwash | B- | B- |
| 29 | B- | В | Pictou Academy-Dr. T. McCulloch School, Pictou | B- | B- |
| 30 | B- | В | Prince Andrew High School, Dartmouth | B- | B- |
| 31 | B- | B- | Digby Regional High School, Digby | B- | B- |
| 32 | B- | B- | Sackville High School, Lr Sackville | B- | В- |
| 33 | B- | B- | J.L. Ilsley High School, Halifax | В- | В- |
| 34 | B- | C+ | Strait Area Education-Recreation Centre, Port Hawkesbury | В- | B- |
| 05 | - | - | Eastern Shore District High School, | 5 | 5 |
| 35 | B- | B- | Musquodoboit Harbour | B- | B- |
| 36 | B- | B- | East Antigonish Academy, Monastery | C+ | B- |
| 37 | B- | B- | Avon View High School, Windsor | B- | B- |
| 38 | C+ | B- | West Kings District High School, Auburn | C+ | C+ |
| 39 | C+ | C+ | Amherst Regional High School, Amherst | C+ | B- |
| 40 | C+ | B- | Memorial High School, Sydney Mines | C+ | C+ |
| 41 | C+ | C+ | Glace Bay High School, Glace Bay | C+ | В- |
| 42 | C+ | B- | Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, | C+ | C+ |
| 42 | C+ C+ | <u>Б-</u> С+ | Yarmouth Parrsboro Regional High School, Parrsboro | C+ C+ | C+ |
| 43 | C+ C+ | B- | | C+ | C+ |
| 44 | C+ C+ | <u>Б-</u> С+ | South Colchester Academy, Brookfield | C+ C+ | C+ |
| 45 | C+ C+ | C+ C+ | Bridgetown Regional High School, Bridgetown Liverpool Regional High School, Liverpool | C+ C+ | C+ |
| 40 | C+ C+ | B- | Cobequid Educational Centre, Truro | C+ | C+ |
| | | C | | | C+ |
| 48 49 | C+ C+ | С+ | Millwood High School, Lower Sackville Northumberland Regional High School, Alma | C+ C+ | C+ |
| 49 | 6+ | 6+ | Forest Heights Community School, Chester | U+ | 6+ |
| 50 | C+ | C+ | Basin | C+ | С |
| 51 | C | C | Duncan MacMillan High School, Sheet Harbour | C | C+ |
| 52 | C | C+ | Hants East Rural High School, Milford Station | C | C |
| | | <u> </u> | Musquodoboit Rural High School, Middle | | ~ |
| 53 | С | C- | Musquodoboit | С | С |
| 54 | С | С | Cole Harbour District High School, Dartmouth | С | C- |
| 55 | C- | С | Northeast Kings Education Centre, Canning | C- | C- |
| * | * | * | Advocate District School, Advocate Harbour | * | * |
| * | * | B- | Annapolis West Education Centre, Annapolis Royal | * | * |
| * | * | <u>В+</u> | Baddeck Academy, Baddeck | * | * |
| * | * | Б+ С- | | * | * |
| * | * | | Cabot High School, Neil's Harbour | * | * |
| * | * | * | Citadel High School, Halifax | * | * |
| | | | Islands Consolidated School, Freeport Lockeport Regional High School, Lockeport | * | * |
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| | | | Lunenburg | | |
| * | * | В | New Germany Rural High School, New Germany | * | * |
| * | * | B- | North Nova Education Centre, New Glasgow | * | * |
| * | * | * | North Queens Rural High School, Caledonia | * | * |
| * | * | С | Oxford Regional High School, Oxford | * | * |
| * | * | В | Rankin School of the Narrows, Iona | * | * |
| * | * | * | River Hebert District High School, River Hebert | * | * |
| * | * | C- | Springhill Junior-Senior High School, Springhill | * | * |
| * | * | C+ | St. Mary's Bay Academy, Weymouth | * | * |
| * | * | C+ | Sydney Academy, Sydney | * | * |

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- Attendance rates were not available for the 2004-2005 school year. Grades for the Attendance rate measure are based on the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years.
- Post-secondary preparation: course enrolment data was not available for the 2006-2007 school year.
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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:

- ⇒ The performance on provincial exams by the affected schools is reasonably comparable to the performance on the other available measures.
- ⇒ The number and quality of other measures provided, including engagement scores and postsecondary achievement results, is a reasonable proxy for the limitations of the provincial exam data.
- 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.

Three schools in the province provided incomplete postal code data for determining their schools' the socio-economic status (SES) measure. These 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.