



AIMS 7TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL REPORT CARD (RC7)

Nova Scotia High Schools – acadien

This year for the first time there is a separate ranking of schools in Nova Scotia’s Conseil scolaire acadien provincial. Differences in provincial exams kept us from doing a full comparison of these schools with their English counterparts in the past.

While only a couple of schools have a final ranking this year (mainly due to the small enrollment which brings privacy issues into play), a separate analysis of these schools allows us to provide a wider range of data for anyone examining the performance of these schools. École du Carrefour in Dartmouth receives a final grade of ‘B’ while École secondaire de Par-en-Bas in Tusket earns a ‘B-’.

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.

To learn more detail please view the complete report card by following [this link](#). Or you can connect to the On-Line interactive Report Card at [this link](#).

RC7 Final Rank	RC7 Final Grade	Final RC6 Grade	School Name, Community	RC7 Absolute Overall Performance	RC7 Overall Performance in Context
1	B	*	École du Carrefour, Dartmouth	B	B-
2	B-	*	École secondaire de Par-en-Bas, Tusket	B-	B-
*	*	*	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 NDA, Cheticamp	*	*
*	*	*	École Rose-des-Vents, Greenwood	*	*
*	*	*	École secondaire de Clare, Meteghan River	*	*

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. RC7 is based on data from the school years 2004/05, 2005/06, and 2006/07. In instances where three years of data is not available for an entire province, at least two years must be available and schools must have data from at least one of the two years. In Nova Scotia this applies to:

- ⇒ *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. Post-secondary preparation measures are based on the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years.*

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 post-secondary 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.*