



## AIMS 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL REPORT CARD (RC3)

*Covering school years 2000-2001 through 2002-2003*

### Nova Scotia High Schools

Nova Scotia schools are assessed on a number of engagement and achievement criteria. On the engagement side, data is available to measure retention for all three high school grades as well as post-secondary participation rates. On the achievement side, high school academic performance is assessed by aggregating performance from a centrally marked sample of examinations in English, English communications, physics, and chemistry. Post-secondary achievement is also included in the overall assessment of achievement.

Once again, Islands Consolidated is the province's top ranked high school, earning an overall grade of A. It demonstrated a strong absolute performance and a particularly strong performance in context. Rankin Memorial earned Nova Scotia's only other A. This marks a substantial improvement from the B it earned in the last Report Card. Also noteworthy is the substantial improvement for Halifax West, which moved from a C to B, and New Germany Rural High School, which made the same gain.

No Nova Scotia high school earned a failing grade, and Hants North had the province's only D, falling from the C it earned in the previous Report Card. Several other schools had substantial declines between the two Report Cards. Notably, Millwood High School fell from a B to a C, and Digby Regional High School fell from a B+ to a C+.

RC3 Final Rank	School name, community	RC3 absolute overall performance	RC3 overall performance in context	RC3 final grade	RC2 final grade
1	Islands Consolidated School, Freeport	A	A+	A	A+
2	Rankin Memorial School, Iona	B+	A	A	B
3	Charles P. Allen High School, Bedford	A	B+	B+	B+
4	Queen Elizabeth High School, Halifax	B+	B+	B+	B
5	Auburn Drive High School, Cole Harbour	B+	B+	B+	B
6	Dalbrae Academy, Southwest Mabou	B+	B+	B+	*
7	Advocate District School, Advocate Harbour	B+	A	B+	*
8	Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional School, Antigonish	B+	B+	B+	B
9	St. Mary's Academy, Sherbrooke	B+	B+	B+	B
10	Parrsboro Regional High School, Parrsboro	B	B+	B+	B+
11	Pictou Academy-Dr. T. McCulloch Jr High School, Pictou	B	B+	B+	B+
12	Riverview High School, Coxheath	B+	B	B	B
13	North Queens Rural High School, Caledonia	B	B+	B	B+
14	Richmond Academy, Louisdale	B	B+	B	*
15	East Antigonish Academy, Monastery	B	B	B	B+
16	Sydney Academy, Sydney **	B	B	B	B+
17	Prince Andrew High School, Dartmouth	B	B	B	C+
18	St. Patrick's High School, Halifax	B	B	B	B
19	Horton High School, Wolfville	B	B	B	B+
20	Middleton Regional High School, Middleton	B	B	B	B
21	Baddeck Academy, Baddeck	B	B	B	C+
22	Musquodoboit Rural High School, Middle Musquodoboit	B	B	B	B
23	Forest Heights Community School, Chester Basin	B	B	B	C+
24	Breton Education Centre, New Waterford	B	B	B	B
25	Halifax West High School, Halifax	B	B	B	C
26	Sir John A. Macdonald High School, Hubley	B	B	B	B
27	New Germany Rural High School, New Germany	B	B	B	C
28	Annapolis West Education Centre, Annapolis Royal	B	B	B	B

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29	Sackville High School, Lr Sackville	B	C+	B	B
30	Strait Area Education-Recreation Centre, Port Hawkesbury	C+	B	C+	B
31	Chedabucto Education Centre-Guysborough Academy, Guysborough	C+	B	C+	B
32	Inverness Academy, Inverness	C+	B	C+	B
33	Eastern Shore District High School, Musquodoboit Harbour	C+	C+	C+	B
34	Cape Breton Highlands Academy, Terre Noire	C+	B	C+	*
35	Holy Angels High School, Sydney	C+	C+	C+	B
36	North Colchester High School, Tatamagouche	C+	B	C+	C+
37	St. Mary's Bay Academy, Weymouth	C+	C+	C+	B
38	Cabot High School, Neil's Harbour	C+	B	C+	C+
39	Lockeport Regional High School, Lockeport	C+	B	C+	B
40	Liverpool Regional High School, Liverpool	C+	C+	C+	B
41	Springhill Junior-Senior High School, Springhill	C+	C+	C+	C+
42	Bridgetown Regional High School, Bridgetown	C+	C+	C+	B
43	Cobeguid Educational Centre, Truro	C+	C+	C+	C+
44	Pugwash District High School, Pugwash	C+	C+	C+	C
45	Shelburne Regional High School, Shelburne	C+	C+	C+	C
46	Amherst High School, Amherst	C+	C+	C+	C+
47	Digby Regional High School, Digby	C+	C+	C+	B+
48	West Kings District High School, Auburn	C+	C+	C+	C+
49	Barrington Municipal High School, Barrington Passage	C+	C+	C+	C
50	Canso Academy, Canso	C+	C+	C+	B
51	Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, Yarmouth	C+	C+	C+	C+
52	Park View Education Centre, Bridgewater **	C+	C+	C+	C+
53	Dartmouth High School, Dartmouth	C+	C+	C+	C+
54	Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School, Bridgewater **	C+	C+	C+	C
55	Hants East Rural High School, Milford Station	C+	C+	C+	C+
56	South Colchester Academy, Brookfield	C+	C+	C+	C+
57	Lunenburg Junior-Senior High School, Lunenburg	C+	C+	C+	B
58	Memorial High School, Sydney Mines	C+	C+	C+	B
59	J.L. Ilsley High School, Halifax	C+	C+	C+	C
60	Oxford Regional High School, Oxford	C	C+	C+	C
61	Millwood High School, Lower Sackville	C	C	C	B
62	Drumlin Heights Consolidated School, Glenwood	C	C+	C	*
63	Northeast Kings Education Centre, Canning	C	C	C	*
64	Central Kings Rural High School, Cambridge Station	C	C	C	C
65	River Hebert District High School, River Hebert	D	C	C	C+
66	Duncan MacMillan High School, Sheet Harbour	D	C	C	C
67	Cole Harbour District High School, Dartmouth	C	D	C	C+
68	Hants North Rural High School, Kennetcook	D	D	D	C
*	Avon View High School, Windsor	*	*	*	*
*	Centre scolaire Étoile de l'Acadie, Sydney	*	*	*	*
*	École acadienne de Pomquet, Pomquet	*	*	*	*
*	École acadienne de Truro, Truro	*	*	*	n/a
*	Ecole Beau-Port, Arichat	*	*	*	*
*	École de la Rive Sud, Blockhouse	*	*	*	n/a
*	École du Carrefour, Dartmouth	*	*	*	*
*	École N D A, Cheticamp	*	*	*	*
*	École Rose des Vents, Greenwood	*	*	*	*
*	École secondaire de Clare, Meteghan River	*	*	*	*
*	École secondaire de Par-en-Bas, Tusket	*	*	*	*
*	Gorham Memorial Education Centre, Liverpool	*	*	*	n/a
*	Highbury Education Centre, New Minas	*	*	*	n/a
*	Lockview High School, Fall River	*	*	*	*
*	North Nova Education Centre, New Glasgow	*	*	*	*
*	Northumberland Regional High School, Alma	*	*	*	*

- \* Due to data challenges, these items could not be secured for these schools, so the schools were excluded from the rankings and were not assigned a RC3 overall grade.
- n/a Due to limitations in the data provided to AIMS by provincial education departments, boards/districts and post-secondary institutions, and/or due to the need to protect individual student privacy when dealing with small schools or small samples, this information is not available for these schools.
- \*\* 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.
- AIMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report Card (RC2) was published in March 2004. It included only contextually adjusted scores. This grade should, therefore, be considered comparable only to the "overall performance in context."

#### **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/rc3insert.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](http://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, First Nations schools, and Glace Bay High School are not reported and no partial data will be made available for them.