

# School Education Plan and Results Report

2012-2015

Year 2



Elk Island Public Schools



SCHOOL: **STRATHCONA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SECONDARY SCHOOL**

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Steve Schaar

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS: Mr. Wes Merta, Mr. Ryan Reed

**OUR MISSION** - To challenge students through Christ-centered education, to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord in order to pursue a life of godly character, personal and academic excellence and service to others.

Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School follows the provincial curriculum, interpreted from a Christian perspective, and accepts students who support its educational philosophy. Strathcona Christian Academy was founded in 1980 as a K-12 private school as a ministry of Sherwood Park Alliance Church. The school became an Alternative Program School of Elk Island Public Schools in 1998. In September 2007 Strathcona Christian Academy expanded to two schools: SCA-Elementary and SCA-Secondary. These two schools function as one Christian program as directed by the SCA Society Board. All teachers are committed Christians who support the school's mission and philosophy.

<b>ENROLMENT</b>	<b>FACULTY/STAFF</b>	<b>FACILITIES</b>
Approx. 570 students	Teachers - 29 Support Staff - 10	160,000 sq. ft. facility of the Sherwood Park Alliance Church 20 classrooms, Gyms, Art Room, Fitness Room, Kitchen, 2 CTS Labs, Band Room, Drama Room, Choir Room, Science Lab, Computer Labs, 1800 Seat Auditorium
<b>FEATURES</b>	Strong Academic Emphasis Inter-School Athletic Program French, Art, Band, Drama,	Construction, Art, Off Campus Education, RAP School of Worship Arts (SOWA)

Encounter Weeks	Musical Theater, Foods and
HS Leadership classes	Fashion, Choir,
HS Missions Trips	Local Service Projects (LSP's)

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION:** Elk Island Public Schools provides transportation for our students.

**SCA SEEKS STUDENTS & PARENTS WHO:**

- are serious about learning and developing God-given capabilities and talents
- actively contribute to the school's Christian atmosphere
- desire that Christian worldview be extended into the classroom

**FEES:** a fee structure is in place to cover the cost of Christian materials and activities, facility capital projects and transportation (if required). The Strathcona Christian Academy Society manages this area for the School operation.

**OUR MOTTO:** "... whatever is true ... noble ... right ... pure ... lovely ... admirable - if anything is praiseworthy - think about such things."      Philippians 4:7

**School Goals:**

Goal #1 - To be a safe and caring school and to have students who model the characteristics of active citizenship.

Goal #2 - 90% of our students will achieve at the “acceptable standard” and 25% at the “standard of excellence” on PAT and Diploma results.

Goal #3 - Improvement in the preparation of our students for Work Readiness.

Goal #4 - Enhance instructional practice with technology.

**Elk Island Goals:**

- Students have engaging and collaborative learning experiences that prepare them to be active, creative, and knowledgeable participants in our global society.
- Students have engaging and collaborative learning experiences that prepare them to be critical thinkers and problem-solvers.
- Students are global citizens who respect and value diversity.
- *All* students have their individual needs met within inclusive learning environments.

**Elk Island Public Schools Guiding Principles:**

- We provide our students with access to high quality education.
- We make decisions in the best interests of our students.
- We make decisions that reflect our core values and align with division and school goals.
- We make decisions based on equity of resources and opportunities.
- We are accountable to our students, our communities, and our division.
- We meet students' needs through cooperative efforts in the design and delivery of effective programs.
- We share responsibility for creating and nurturing relationships that respect diversity and community uniqueness.
- We form relationships based on trust, confidence, respect, and open communication.

**Provincial Goals:**

**Goal 1: An excellent start to learning**

Children are reaching emotional, social, intellectual and physical development milestones and are ready for school.

**Goal 2: Success for every student**

Students achieve Alberta’s student learning outcomes and demonstrate citizenship, entrepreneurship, and proficiency in literacy and numeracy. The achievement gap between First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) students and all other students is eliminated. Student learning needs are supported.

**Goal 3: Quality teaching and school leadership**

Teacher preparation and professional growth focus on the competencies needed to help students learn. Effective learning and teaching is achieved through collaborative leadership.

**Goal 4: Engaged and effective governance**

The education system demonstrates collaboration and engagement with Aboriginal communities, business, industry, and the public. Students and communities have access to safe and healthy learning environments.

<b>School Based Professional Learning Day</b>	<b>Topic and brief description of plan (1 to 2 sentences)</b>	<b>Linked to School Goal</b>
November 01	Smartboard Tips and Tricks - interactive session led by Rob Schultz to assist teachers in some advanced usage of the Smartboard. BYOD - Debrief on School Tour of Springbank, Q and A with Tim Knell, and planning next steps. Addressing Bullying with Barb Rix. Raising awareness and planning for our Student Support Committee. Selecting Texts to Improve Writing - Doug Zook. Inservice to all Language Arts teachers.	Goal #4 - Technology  Goal #4 - Technology  Goal #1 - Sage and Caring  Goal #2 - PAT and Diploma
April 11	Assoc. of Christian Schools Int. Teachers Convention - Oct.24/25	All goals
May 16	Assoc. of Christian Schools Int. Teachers Convention - Oct.24/25	All goals

## School Goals

Goal #1 – To be a safe and caring school and to have students that model the characteristics of active citizenship and Christian character

## **Strategies**

- We will provide annual local service projects for each Bible class.
- Our Missions classes will do annual community service projects internationally.
- Establish a Student Support Committee which will meet on a regular basis to discuss issues that affect student safety and well-being.
- Annually we will provide workshops for staff and students on anti-bullying awareness and communicate that in our school newsletter.
- We will implement a program that monthly recognizes an outstanding citizen in our student body.

## **Performance Indicators: Accountability Pillar Overall Summary Results**

<b>Accountability Pillar Overall Summary</b>		<i>Current Result 2013</i>	<i>Previous 3-yr Average</i>
Survey Results			
Percentages of teachers, parents and students who are satisfied that students model the characteristics of active citizenship.	<b>Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>78.7</b>
	<b>Province</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>82.0</b>
Percentage of teacher, parent and student agreement that: students are safe at school, are learning the importance of caring for others, are learning respect for others and are treated fairly in school.	<b>Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>88.8</b>
	<b>Province</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>88.1</b>

<b>Tell Them From me</b>		<i>Current Result 2013</i>
<b>Survey Results</b>		
Advocacy at School - Students who report they have someone at school who consistently provides encouragement and can be turned to for advice <i>Scale of 1 to 10</i>	<b>Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School</b>	<b>2.4</b>
	<b>Canada</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Positive Teacher-Student Relations – students who report teachers are responsive to their needs and encourage independence with a democratic approach	<b>Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School</b>	<b>6.1</b>

Scale of 1 to 10	Canada	6.0
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### School Goal

Goal #2 - 90% of our students will achieve at the “acceptable standard” and 25% at the “standard of excellence” on PAT and Diploma results.

### Strategies

- Protect academic instructional time.
- Annual reports from staff that answer three questions: successes, difficulties and future directions and a statistical analysis.
- Staff marking PAT and Diploma exams.
- Staff to attend in-services and PD sessions.

### Performance Indicators:

Accountability Pillar Overall Summary		Current Result 2013	Previous 3-yr Average
<b>Provincial Achievement Tests</b>			
Overall percentage of students in Grades 3, 6 and 9 who achieved the acceptable standard on provincial achievement tests.*	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	97.2	96.6
	Province	79.0	79.2
Overall percentage of students in Grades 3, 6 and 9 who achieved the standard of excellence on provincial achievement tests.	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	42.0	35.6
	Province	18.9	19.9

Provincial Achievement Tests		Current Result 2013		Previous 3 year Average	
Detailed Results		Acceptable	Excellent	Acceptable	Excellent
<b>Junior High</b>					
English Language Arts 9	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary	97.7	35.2	97.3	35.9
	Province	76.4	14.7	78.6	15.9
Mathematics 9	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary	94.3	38.6	93.3	31.7

	Province	66.5	18.2	66.3	17.6
Science 9	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary	96.6	48.9	95.8	35.3
	Province	72.6	19.9	74.2	20.3
Social Studies 9	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary	92.0	42.0	91.6	31.6
	Province	72.6	19.9	74.2	20.3

Diploma Examinations		Current Result 2013	Previous 3-yr Average
Detailed results			
Overall percentage of students who achieved the acceptable standard on diploma examinations (overall results).	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	92.2	89.8
	Province	84.6	82.5
Overall percentage of students who achieved the standard of excellence on diploma examinations (overall results).	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	31.2	28.6
	Province	21.7	20.1

Diploma Examinations		2013			Previous 3 year Average	
		Acceptable	Excellent	Participation Rate	Acceptable	Excellent
English Lang Arts 30-1	SCS	98.6	20.3	84.0	95.4	25.4
	Province	85.9	10.5	54.4	85.2	10.5
English Lang Arts 30-2	SCS	100	16.7	11.1	n/a	n/a
	Province	89.5	11.1	27.2	89.0	9.8
Pure Mathematics 30	SCS	**	**	2.5	92.1	34.1
	Province	62.4	12.9	7.3	81.9	28.5
Applied Mathematics 30	SCS	**	**	0	79.6	13.4
	Province	75.0	20.8	0.2	75.7	10.9
Mathematics 30-1	SCS	**	**	55.6	**	**
	Province	**	**	29.9	**	**
Mathematics 30-2	SCS	**	**	30.9	**	**
	Province	**	**	16.8	**	**
Social Studies 30-1	SCS	88.9	12.7	72.8	87.6	18.2
	Province	85.4	15.2	46.1	84.5	15.9
Social Studies 30-2	SCS	100	22.2	23.5	100	42.4



	Province	82.4	13.9	34.0	84.6	14.4
Biology 30	SCS	97.0	41.8	75.3	92.1	36.9
	Province	84.3	32.4	42.4	81.7	28.7
Chemistry 30	SCS	78.7	36.2	59.3	78.0	26.0
	Province	78.8	31.8	31.7	76.9	28.7
Physics 30	SCS	82.6	30.4	27.2	87.5	23.9
	Province	81.1	30.3	17.4	77.2	26.1

*\*The percentages achieving the acceptable standard include the percentages achieving the standard of excellence*

Tell Them from Me Survey Results		Current Result 2013
Percentage of students who report they are intellectually engaged and find learning interesting, enjoyable and relevant	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	50
	Canada	50
Percentage of students who report they are interested and motivated in their learning	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	29
	Canada	30

### Goal #3 – Improvement in the preparation of our students for Work Readiness

#### Strategies

- Implement the Career Cruising program in each of our Health/CALM classes.
- Utilize the program for high school course selection during registration.
- Continue to promote “It’s a Matter of Choice”.
- Continue to promote and develop our Off Campus Education program.
- Explore BYOD potential for the start of 2014.

#### Performance Indicators: Accountability Pillar Overall Summary Results

Accountability Pillar Overall Summary		Current Result 2013	Previous 3- yr Average
High School Completion Rate – percentages of students who completed high school within three years of entering Grade 10.	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	92.3	91.5
	Province	74.8	72.7

Drop Out Rate – annual dropout rate of students aged 14 to 18	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	0.9	0.6
	Province	3.5	3.9
High school to post-secondary transition rate of students within six years of entering Grade 10.	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	87.9	77.1
	Province	59.5	59.2
Percentage of Grade 12 students eligible for a Rutherford Scholarship.	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	84.7	82.5
	Province	61.3	59.4
Percentage of students writing four or more diploma exams within three years of entering Grade 10.	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	82.7	82.8
	Province	56.6	54.9

Accountability Pillar Overall Summary Survey Results		<i>Current Result 2013</i>	<i>Previous 3-yr Average</i>
Overall teacher and parent agreement that students are taught attitudes and behaviours that will make them successful at work when they finish school.	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	90.4	85.0
	Province	80.3	79.9
Overall teacher and parent satisfaction with parental involvement in decisions about their child's education.	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	79.5	82.5
	Province	80.3	79.8
Overall percentage of teachers, parents and students indicating that their school and schools in their jurisdiction have improved or stayed the same in the last three years.	Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School	81.5	77.0
	Province	80.6	80.0

#### Goal #4 – Enhance instructional practice with technology improvements

##### Strategies

- To implement a 1:1 computing environment for all students through a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program.
- Establish a committee to study and prepare for the implementation of BYOD.
- Provide training for staff to prepare them to implement BYOD.
- Prepare a document for parents and students regarding BYOD.
- To use our Evergreening money to enhance our technology.

**Performance Indicators: Accountability Pillar Overall Summary Results**

<b>Accountability Pillar Overall Summary</b>		<i>Current Result 2013</i>	<i>Previous 3-yr Average</i>
Survey Results			
Overall teacher, parent and student satisfaction with the opportunity for students to receive a broad program of studies, including fine arts, career, technology, and health and physical education.	<b>Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>80.3</b>
	Province	81.5	80.7
Overall teacher, parent and student satisfaction with the overall quality of basic education.	<b>Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>88.2</b>
	Province	89.8	89.3

**School Council Involvement and Communication of Plan**

1. We receive ongoing input from the School Council and Society which we are using to formulate the current School Education Plan

2. Copies of our School Education Plan and Results Report are distributed to and reviewed with our School Council and Society members.

3. Our School Council consisted of the following members:

Chair: Bruce Audley

Assistant Chair:

Secretary: Heidi Nicks-Tombasco

Student Council Rep: David Holzmann

EIPS Trustee: Lynn Patterson

Admin. Reps: Steve Schaar and Wes Merta

Members: Richard Camp, Beth Mathison, Judy Jacobson, Sally Navis, Lee Park, Stacey Supina

Velvet Cable

4. Our new Council has a desire to be active in planning some school activities like parent surveys and informational evenings. Two events organized by the Council in the 2012-2013 year were as follows:

- Parent seminar dealing with sexuality presented by WAIT of Pregnancy Crisis Centre
- “The Effects of Multi-media on Faith” - presented by Brett Ullman

### **Additional Information**

A complete class size report for each school in EIPS may be viewed at <http://www.eips.ca/planning-and-results>.

Please refer to the supplemental data package at <http://www.eips.ca/documents> for detailed school, jurisdiction and provincial results.