

Calgary Christian Secondary School

23/24 School Year

Welcome

This is our celebration of learning - written edition. Our school, deeply rooted in academic excellence, community values, and most importantly, our shared faith, shines in many areas. This artifact is meant to celebrate the success of our 23/24 Educational Plan while also outlining some areas that we want to continue developing. Thank you for your interest in our ongoing story!

Assurance Framework

The Assurance Framework is a new system Alberta Education uses to ensure all schools are providing the best possible education. It focuses on five key areas:

- 1. Student Growth and Achievement**, ensuring students are continuously learning and succeeding;
- 2. Teaching and Leading**, emphasizing quality teaching and leadership;
- 3. Learning Supports**, creating supportive and inclusive environments;
- 4. Governance**, ensuring effective management and decision-making; and
- 5. Local and Societal Context**, adapting to the unique needs of our community.

This approach provides focus as we track our school's progress, improve education quality, and maintain transparency and accountability.

Within each of these key areas, the Palliser school division has outlined what success would look like through the [desired states](#). In partnership with the Calgary Society for Christian Education, we work together as we pursue the desired states here at Calgary Christian Secondary School alongside an experience integrated with our Christian faith.

Data

Our Assurance Measure Results

Within the 306 pages found in the link above, the following key takeaways emerge:

<p>Student Learning Engagement: The student learning engagement measure is 83.2%, aligning closely with the provincial average of 83.7%. This remains an area to explore innovative approaches to deepen engagement further.</p>	<p>Safe & Caring Environment: Satisfaction with the school’s welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environments (WCRSLE) is at 87.8%, exceeding the provincial average. This highlights the school’s commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive atmosphere.</p>	<p>High School Completion Rates: The school’s 5-year high school completion rate is 98.5%, significantly above the provincial average of 88.1%. The 3-year completion rate of 90.7% also surpasses the provincial result of 80.4%, reflecting long-term success and preparation for future pathways.</p>	<p>Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) & Diploma Exam Results: Grade 9 PAT results show 87.9% achieving the acceptable standard compared to the provincial average of 62.5%, and 32.4% achieving excellence compared to 15.4% provincially. Diploma Exam results similarly highlight 91.1% achieving the acceptable standard compared to 81.5% provincially, and 34.2% achieving excellence compared to 22.6%.</p>	<p>Parental Involvement and Community Engagement: Parental involvement is at 87.4%, significantly higher than the provincial average of 79.5%, demonstrating strong collaboration and engagement with families.</p>
<p>Support for Citizenship Development: Citizenship ratings are at 83.9%, well above the provincial average of 79.4%. Continuing to integrate service-learning and community-focused initiatives can strengthen this core value.</p>	<p>Enhancing Access to Supports and Services: The measure for access to supports and services is 85.5%, compared to the provincial average of 79.9%. While higher than average, there is an opportunity to explore additional resources and services for students.</p>	<p>Experiential Learning Excellence: Field trips, performing arts, and service opportunities remain central to the school’s approach, providing real-world experiences and fostering well-rounded development.</p>	<p>Improvement Evaluation: The school’s performance is assessed not just in terms of current results but also in comparison to past performance, with most areas showing maintained or improved status.</p>	<p>Survey Responses: Data on the percentage of teachers, parents, and students who agree that students are engaged in their learning at school is included, with the majority indicating agreement.</p>

If we compare our school to provincial averages, the following insights were noted:

Measure:	CCS Result %:	Provincial Average %:	Key Insight:
5-Year High School Completion Rate	98.5	88.1	Exceptional long-term success; nearly all students complete high school within five years.
3-Year High School Completion Rate	90.7	80.4	Demonstrates strong student retention and preparation for post-secondary success.
Grade 9 PAT Acceptable	87.9	62.5	Significantly higher academic performance in core subjects at the acceptable level.
Grade 9 PAT Excellence	32.4	15.4	CCS students excel in achieving high standards in Grade 9 PATs.
Diploma Exams Acceptable	91.1	81.5	High academic success at the high school level, well above the provincial standard.
Diploma Exams Excellence	34.2	22.6	Strong preparation for academic excellence in diploma-level courses.
Parental Involvement	87.4	79.5	High engagement from parents, reflecting a strong school-family partnership.
Welcoming, Caring, and Safe Environment	87.8	84.0	CCS provides a positive and supportive environment for students.
Citizenship	83.9	79.4	CCS fosters active citizenship and community engagement among students.
Student Learning Engagement	83.2	83.7	On par with provincial levels, with opportunities to further enrich student engagement.
Access to Supports and Services	85.5	79.9	Above average in ensuring students have access to supports and services.

Overall, CCS is performing well, often exceeding provincial averages. The results suggest that CCS is providing a high-quality educational experience, with particular strengths in fostering academic success, creating a safe and caring environment, and engaging the community. However, there are areas where our school can still seek to improve, such as program access - a measure of satisfaction with the accessibility, effectiveness and efficiency of programs and services for students in their community.

The CCS [Brand Story](#), [Educational Vision and Philosophy](#), and our [CCS Values](#) present a framework for holistic Christian education focusing on academic, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual development. Together they emphasize integration of faith into all aspects of education, aiming to develop students who will actively serve and positively impact the world.

Though the Alberta Education Assurance Measures serve as a baseline for certain aspects of academic and performance, these standard metrics do not fully capture the distinctly Christian vision CCS holds as a measure for success. As we prepare to share our artifacts of learning, we do so hoping to highlight our broader vision that extends beyond academic achievement alone.

Artifacts

Extracurricular

- **Performing Arts** - our renewed focus on the development of our performing arts has continued to increase program participation. New opportunities, including the participation in local and national competitions and a renewed focus on extracurricular, and classroom productions have provided new learning pathways for Grade 7 to 12 students.



Band Trip



Drama Performances

- **Athletics** - a significant portion of our student body also participates in athletics. We participate at the 2A level provincially (ASAA) and are part of the Independent Schools Athletics Association (ISAA) for our league play.



Provincial Champs



City Champs 8/9

- **Clubs** - we continue to support the developing and initiation of student interests through clubs. These spaces also allow our students to interact with others who share similar interests while within the safe and caring environment of our school.



TAEA STAR Guild - Induction Ceremony



Robotics

Celebrations

- **Of Learning** - we have begun the tradition of celebrating our learning in a very public way. Each spring, our community gathers to discover and celebrate what we have learned throughout the as staff and students. It continues to grow and has already become a major highlight.



Art Show



Wind Energy Competition



Computers



Cupcake Decorating

- **Faith Formation** - In Faith Formation, we achieved meaningful milestones by fostering opportunities for students to discover and develop their God-given gifts while embodying Jesus' love through service and learning. Highlights included the successful launch of Video Announcements with Speakers Club & Video & Audio Class, active service at Glenbrook Elementary, and the addition of new staff members, whose contributions have been instrumental in advancing these goals. Together, these efforts enriched the community and deepened our shared mission of faith in action.



Speakers Club Interviewing Student's Testimony



Mustard Seed Day in the Life & Students Turning Bible Lesson into A Song

Off Campus

- **Italy 2023** - Students from grade 10-12 went to Europe for 10 days to experience many incredible cities, sites, and adventurous bus rides.



Venice



Florence

- **Field Trips** - Students leave our building regularly to experience learning that happens outside of our walls. Experiential learning continues to be the highlight of our students' time here at CCSS so we will continue to work hard to maintain current opportunities while considering new and exciting possibilities for the future.



Outdoor Education



Triathlon



Jill of All Trades



Water Polo - PE 30

- **Team Building** - Our grade 9 and 12 students participate in off campus overnight trips to begin their years together. We are in the process of considering trips for other grades as well as the feedback from students and parents is extremely positive.



Circle Square Ranch - Gr. 9



Frontier Lodge - Gr. 12

Conclusion

As we conclude this report, it is with immense pride that we reflect on the remarkable achievements of Calgary Christian Secondary School. Our students' exceptional performance, both in academics and extracurricular activities, is a testament to their hard work and our dedicated staff. We celebrate these accomplishments, recognizing that they are not just milestones but stepping stones towards even greater successes.

However, our journey does not end here. The rapidly changing world demands continuous adaptation and improvement. It is essential that we keep learning, enhancing our teaching methods, and expanding our curricular and extracurricular offerings. Our goal is not just to prepare students for today but to equip them with the skills, knowledge, and a deep understanding of their value that they will need for tomorrow. This commitment to continual growth is what makes our school a nurturing ground for future leaders, innovators, and compassionate citizens ready to make God's world a better place.

We invite you, our valued parents and stakeholders, to join us in this ongoing journey of excellence. Together, we will keep striving to provide an educational experience that is not only outstanding today but remains relevant and impactful for the challenges and opportunities of the future.