Ranking the Schools

Important Notes to the Rankings

In this table, schools are ranked (on the left hand side of the page) in descending order (from 1 to 220) according to their academic performance as measured by the *Overall rating out of ten* (shown on the right hand side of the table) for the school year 1998/1999. Each school's average ranking over the last four years and average *Overall rating out of ten* over the last four years are also listed. The higher the *Overall rating out of ten*, the higher the rank awarded to the school. Where schools tied in the overall rating, they were awarded the same rank. Where less than four years of data was available "n/a" appears in the table. Not all of the province's high schools are included in the tables or the ranking. Excluded are schools at which fewer than 25 students were enrolled in grade 12. These schools do not generate a sufficiently large set of student data to allow a fair and reasonable analysis and presentation of the results. Also excluded from the ratings and rankings are centres for adult education; continuing education programs; schools that cater largely to non-resident foreign students; and certain alternative schools that do not offer a full high school program.

The exclusion of a school from the Second Annual Report Card on Alberta's High Schools should in no way be construed as a judgement of the school's effectiveness.

Provincial Rank		School Authority Name	School Name	Overall Rating	
1998/ 1999	1996- 1999			1998/ 1999	1996– 1999
1	1	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	Old Scona	10.0	9.9
1	5	Elk Island Public Schools R.D. No. 14	Strathcona Christian Academy	10.0	9.2
3	9	Palliser R.D. No. 26	County Central High	9.6	8.7
3	12	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	Edmonton Christian	9.6	8.6
3	23	Prairie Rose R.D. No. 8	Senator Gershaw	9.6	7.9
6	3	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Western Canada Senior High	9.4	9.5
6	4	Calgary R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 1	St. Mary's High	9.4	9.5
6	8	Battle River R.D. No. 31	Bawlf	9.4	8.9
6	48	West Island College Society of Alberta	West Island College	9.4	7.1
10	2	Strathcona Tweedsmuir Sch	Strathcona-Tweedsmuir	9.2	9.8
10	6	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Sir Winston Churchill High	9.2	9.2
10	7	Edmonton Catholic R.D. No. 40	Archbishop MacDonald	9.2	9.0
10	11	Calgary S.D. No. 19	William Aberhart High	9.2	8.7
10	13	Golden Hills R.D. No. 15	ACME	9.2	8.6
10	133	Wolf Creek School Division No. 72	Eckville Junior Senior High	9.2	5.5
16	14	Rocky View School Division No. 41	Springbank Community High	9.0	8.4
16	19	Battle River R.D. No. 31	Tofield	9.0	7.9
18	30	Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73	Delburne Centralized	8.8	7.6
19	65	Grande Yellowhead R.D. No. 35	Jasper Junior Senior High	8.6	6.8
20	9	Christ the Redeemer Catholic Sep. R.D. No. 3	Holy Trinity Academy	8.4	8.7
20	16	Horizon School Division No. 67	W.R. Myers High	8.4	8.0
20	18	Buffalo Trail R.D. No. 28	Kitscoty Junior Senior High	8.4	8.0
20	19	Westwind School Division No. 74	Raymond High	8.4	7.9
20	23	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	Strathcona	8.4	7.9
20	33	Elk Island Public Schools R.D. No. 14	Bev Facey Community High	8.4	7.5

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1998/ 1999	1996- 1999			1998/ 1999	1996– 1999
20	44	Lethbridge S.D. No. 51	Winston Churchill High	8.4	7.3
20	75	The Society for Christian Education in Southern Alberta	Immanuel Christian High	8.4	6.6
28	15	Calgary R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 1	Bishop Carroll High	8.3	8.1
29	26	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	McNally	8.2	7.8
29	36	Prairie Land R.D. No. 25	J.C. Charyk Hanna	8.2	7.5
29	41	Elk Island Public Schools R.D. No. 14	Vegreville Composite High	8.2	7.4
29	55	Wolf Creek School Division No. 72	Lacombe Composite High	8.2	7.0
29	60	Red Deer Catholic R.D. No. 39	Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High	8.2	6.9
29	76	Black Gold R.D. No. 18	New Sarepta Community High	8.2	6.6
29	91	Buffalo Trail R.D. No. 28	Provost Public	8.2	6.4
29	115	Edmonton Catholic R.D. No. 40	Louis St. Laurent	8.2	6.0
29	117	Holy Family Catholic R.D. No. 37	Glenmary	8.2	6.0
38	19	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	Harry Ainlay	8.0	7.9
38	33	St. Albert Protestant Sep. S.D. No. 6	Paul Kane High	8.0	7.5
38	33	Elk Island Public Schools R.D. No. 14	Salisbury Composite High	8.0	7.5
38	38	Wolf Creek School Division No. 72	Rimbey Junior Senior High	8.0	7.5
38	57	Rocky View School Division No. 41	Cochrane High	8.0	6.9
38	69	Calgary R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 1	St. Francis High	8.0	6.7
38	114	Northern Lights School Division No. 69	Bonnyville Centralized High	8.0	6.1
38	n/a	Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73	Bowden (Grandview)	8.0	n/a
38	n/a	Foothills School Division No. 38	Highwood	8.0	n/a
47	22	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Dr. E.P. Scarlett High	7.8	7.9
47	25	Northern Gateway R.D. No. 10	Onoway Junior Senior High	7.8	7.8
47	26	Palliser R.D. No. 26	Kate Andrews High	7.8	7.8
47	51	Wolf Creek School Division No. 72	Ponoka Composite High	7.8	7.0
47	59	Parkland School Division No. 70	Memorial Composite High	7.8	6.9

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1998/ 1999	1996- 1999			1998/ 1999	1996– 1999
47	85	Clearview School Division No. 71	William E. Hay Composite High	7.8	6.5
47	88	Grasslands R.D. No. 6	Brooks Composite High	7.8	6.4
47	125	Red Deer Catholic R.D. No. 39	St. Matthews Catholic	7.8	5.8
55	29	Black Gold R.D. No. 18	Calmar	7.6	7.7
55	31	Calgary Society for Christian Education	Calgary Christian High	7.6	7.6
55	38	Elk Island Public Schools R.D. No. 14	Fort Saskatchewan Senior High	7.6	7.5
55	66	Greater St. Albert Catholic R.D. No. 29	St. Albert Catholic High	7.6	6.7
55	100	Black Gold R.D. No. 18	Leduc Composite High	7.6	6.3
60	28	Evergreen Catholic Sep. R.D. No. 2	St. Thomas Aquinas High	7.4	7.7
60	32	Battle River R.D. No. 31	Daysland	7.4	7.6
60	44	Greater St. Albert Catholic R.D. No. 29	Sainte Marguerite d'Youville	7.4	7.3
60	91	Rocky View School Division No. 41	Chestermere High	7.4	6.4
60	105	Palliser R.D. No. 26	Picture Butte High	7.4	6.2
60	106	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	Ross Sheppard	7.4	6.2
60	118	Wetaskiwin R.D. No. 11	Pigeon Lake Regional	7.4	5.9
60	133	Calgary S.D. No. 19	John G. Diefenbaker High	7.4	5.5
60	140	Parkland School Division No. 70	Spruce Grove Composite High	7.4	5.4
60	150	Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73	Hugh Sutherland	7.4	5.2
60	n/a	Wild Rose School Division No. 66	Breton High	7.4	n/a
71	54	Sturgeon School Division No. 24	Redwater	7.2	7.0
71	62	Lakeland R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 150	Ecole Notre Dame High	7.2	6.8
71	67	Canadian University College	Parkview Adventist Academy	7.2	6.7
71	85	Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73	Sundre High	7.2	6.5
71	125	Canadian Rockies R.D. No. 12	Canmore Collegiate	7.2	5.8
71	130	Clearview School Division No. 71	Gus Wetter	7.2	5.6
71	150	Holy Spirit R.C. Sep. R.D. No. 4	St. Michael's	7.2	5.2

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1998/ 1999	1996- 1999			1998/ 1999	1996– 1999
71	n/a	Calgary R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 1	St. Martin de Porres High	7.2	n/a
71	n/a	Rundle College Society	Rundle College Senior High	7.2	n/a
80	48	Central Alberta Christian High School Society	Central Alberta Christian High	7.0	7.1
80	61	Rocky View School Division No. 41	Bert Church High	7.0	6.8
80	67	Living Waters Catholic R.D. No. 42	St. Joseph	7.0	6.7
80	70	Northern Gateway R.D. No. 10	Hilltop High	7.0	6.7
80	79	Lethbridge S.D. No. 51	Lethbridge Collegiate Institute	7.0	6.5
80	118	Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52	High Level Public	7.0	5.9
80	136	Northern Lights School Division No. 69	Grand Centre High	7.0	5.5
80	140	Pembina Hills R.D. No. 7	Richard F Staples High	7.0	5.4
80	n/a	Black Gold R.D. No. 18	Warburg	7.0	n/a
89	17	Buffalo Trail R.D. No. 28	J.R. Robson	6.8	8.0
89	37	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Bowness High	6.8	7.5
89	52	Wolf Creek School Division No. 72	Bentley	6.8	7.0
89	62	Red Deer S.D. No. 104	Hunting Hills High	6.8	6.8
89	76	Battle River R.D. No. 31	New Norway	6.8	6.6
89	85	Livingstone Range School Division No. 68	Crowsnest Consolidated High	6.8	6.5
89	106	Elk Island Catholic Sep. R.D. No. 41	John Paul II High	6.8	6.2
89	128	Edmonton Catholic R.D. No. 40	Austin O'Brien	6.8	5.7
97	40	Fort McMurray S.D. No. 2833	Westwood Community High	6.6	7.4
97	79	Medicine Hat S.D. No. 76	Medicine Hat High	6.6	6.5
97	88	Wild Rose School Division No. 66	Will Sinclair High	6.6	6.4
97	91	Red Deer S.D. No. 104	Lindsay Thurber Composite High	6.6	6.4
97	95	Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73	Innisfail Junior Senior High	6.6	6.3
97	95	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Henry Wise Wood High	6.6	6.3
97	103	Horizon School Division No. 67	Vauxhall Junior Senior High	6.6	6.2

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1998/ 1999	1996- 1999			1998/ 1999	1996– 1999
97	123	Edmonton Catholic R.D. No. 40	Archbishop O'Leary	6.6	5.8
97	131	Prairie Rose R.D. No. 8	South Central High	6.6	5.6
106	57	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Central Memorial High	6.4	6.9
106	72	Wetaskiwin R.D. No. 11	Wetaskiwin Composite High	6.4	6.6
106	99	Westwind School Division No. 74	Cardston High	6.4	6.3
106	100	Elk Island Catholic Sep. R.D. No. 41	Archbishop Jordan High	6.4	6.3
106	110	Black Gold R.D. No. 18	Beaumont Composite	6.4	6.1
106	122	Battle River R.D. No. 31	Camrose Composite High	6.4	5.9
106	137	Edmonton Catholic R.D. No. 40	St. Francis Xavier	6.4	5.4
106	147	Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73	Didsbury High	6.4	5.3
106	147	Livingstone Range School Division No. 68	F.P. Walshe	6.4	5.3
106	173	St. Paul Education R.D. No. 1	F.G. Miller Junior Senior High	6.4	4.1
116	47	Calgary S.D. No. 19	National Sport	6.2	7.2
116	56	Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52	La Crete Public	6.2	7.0
116	62	Greater North Central Francophone Education Reg. No. 2	Ecole Maurice-Lavallee	6.2	6.8
116	71	Buffalo Trail R.D. No. 28	Marwayne Jubilee	6.2	6.7
116	76	Grande Prairie S.D. No. 2357	Grande Prairie Composite High	6.2	6.6
116	84	Calgary R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 1	Bishop Grandin High	6.2	6.5
116	97	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Queen Elizabeth Junior Senior High	6.2	6.3
116	102	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Lord Beaverbrook High	6.2	6.3
116	109	Golden Hills R.D. No. 15	Strathmore High	6.2	6.2
116	125	Buffalo Trail R.D. No. 28	Wainwright High	6.2	5.8
116	150	High Prairie School Division No. 48	Roland Michener Secondary	6.2	5.2
127	42	Battle River R.D. No. 31	Central High School Sedgewick	6.0	7.4
127	50	Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73	Olds Junior Senior High	6.0	7.1
127	79	Greater St. Albert Catholic R.D. No. 29	Morinville Community High	6.0	6.5

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1998/ 1999	1996- 1999			1998/ 1999	1996– 1999
127	104	Horizon School Division No. 67	Erle Rivers High	6.0	6.2
127	128	Livingstone Range School Division No. 68	Willow Creek Composite High	6.0	5.7
127	n/a	Peace Wapiti R.D. No. 33	Ridgevalley	6.0	n/a
127	n/a	Prairie Rose R.D. No. 8	Eagle Butte High	6.0	n/a
134	121	Pembina Hills R.D. No. 7	Barrhead Composite High	5.8	5.9
134	138	Sturgeon School Division No. 24	Sturgeon Composite High	5.8	5.4
134	160	Holy Spirit R.C. Sep. R.D. No. 4	Catholic Central High	5.8	4.8
134	161	Palliser R.D. No. 26	Coalhurst High	5.8	4.7
134	187	Northern Lights School Division No. 69	J.A. Williams High	5.8	3.5
134	n/a	Battle River R.D. No. 31	Bashaw	5.8	n/a
134	n/a	Prairie Land R.D. No. 25	Consort	5.8	n/a
141	43	Elk Island Public Schools R.D. No. 14	Lamont High	5.6	7.3
141	52	Black Gold R.D. No. 18	John Maland High	5.6	7.0
141	79	Elk Island Public Schools R.D. No. 14	Ardrossan Junior Senior High	5.6	6.5
141	110	Edmonton Catholic R.D. No. 40	Holy Trinity	5.6	6.1
141	115	Golden Hills R.D. No. 15	Three Hills	5.6	6.0
141	145	Rocky View School Division No. 41	Beiseker Community	5.6	5.3
141	146	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	W.P. Wagner	5.6	5.3
141	n/a	Battle River R.D. No. 31	Hay Lakes	5.6	n/a
149	72	Prairie Bible Institute Act	Prairie High	5.4	6.6
149	123	Edmonton Catholic R.D. No. 40	St. Mary's	5.4	5.8
149	140	Peace Wapiti R.D. No. 33	Sexsmith Secondary	5.4	5.4
149	140	Aspen View R.D. No. 19	Thorhild Central	5.4	5.4
149	158	Fort McMurray R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 32	Father Patrick Mercredi Community	5.4	4.9
149	n/a	Aspen View R.D. No. 19	H.A. Kostash	5.4	n/a
149	n/a	Livingstone Range School Division No. 68	J.T. Foster	5.4	n/a

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1998/ 1999	1996- 1999			1998/ 1999	1996– 1999
156	72	Rocky View School Division No. 41	George McDougall High	5.2	6.6
156	106	Westwind School Division No. 74	Magrath Junior Senior High	5.2	6.2
156	138	High Prairie School Division No. 48	Georges P Vanier	5.2	5.4
156	155	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	Victoria	5.2	4.9
156	163	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	Jasper Place	5.2	4.7
156	169	Calgary R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 1	Father Lacombe	5.2	4.4
156	181	St. Albert Protestant Sep. S.D. No. 6	Bellerose Composite High	5.2	3.9
163	79	Rocky View School Division No. 41	W.G. Murdoch High	5.0	6.5
163	91	Edmonton Catholic R.D. No. 40	J.H. Picard	5.0	6.4
163	172	Peace Wapiti R.D. No. 33	Central Peace High	5.0	4.2
166	90	St. Thomas Aquinas R.C. Sep. R.D. No. 38	Christ The King Junior Senior High	4.8	6.4
166	149	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Crescent Heights High	4.8	5.2
166	161	Peace River School Division No. 10	Paul Rowe Junior Senior High	4.8	4.7
166	163	Foothills School Division No. 38	Alberta High School of Fine Arts	4.8	4.7
170	110	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Lester B. Pearson Senior High	4.6	6.1
170	135	Concordia University College of Alberta	Concordia High	4.6	5.5
170	178	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	Eastglen	4.6	3.9
170	182	Calgary R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 1	Bishop McNally High	4.6	3.7
170	192	Grande Yellowhead R.D. No. 35	Harry Collinge High	4.6	3.0
170	n/a	East Central Alberta Catholic Sep. Schools R.D. No. 16	Blessed Sacrament	4.6	n/a
170	n/a	Wild Rose School Division No. 66	Caroline	4.6	n/a
177	113	Peace River School Division No. 10	Fairview High	4.4	6.1
177	167	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	J. Percy Page	4.4	4.4
177	171	Medicine Hat Catholic Sep. R.D. No. 20	McCoy High	4.4	4.3
177	175	Grande Prairie R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 28	St. Joseph Catholic High	4.4	4.1
177	175	Calgary Soc. for Effective Education of Learning Disabled	Calgary Academy	4.4	4.1

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1998/ 1999	1996- 1999			1998/ 1999	1996– 1999
177	185	Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73	H.J. Cody	4.4	3.6
177	188	Northern Gateway R.D. No. 10	Fox Creek	4.4	3.4
184	155	Peace Wapiti R.D. No. 33	Beaverlodge Regional High	4.2	4.9
184	158	Medicine Hat S.D. No. 76	Crescent Heights High	4.2	4.9
184	166	Golden Hills R.D. No. 15	Drumheller Composite High	4.2	4.5
187	44	Wild Rose School Division No. 66	David Thompson	4.0	7.3
187	97	Clearview School Division No. 71	Coronation	4.0	6.3
187	118	St. Paul Education R.D. No. 1	St. Paul Regional	4.0	5.9
187	131	Foothills School Division No. 38	Oilfields Junior Senior High	4.0	5.6
187	140	Aspen View R.D. No. 19	Edwin Parr Composite Community	4.0	5.4
187	153	Northern Lights School Division No. 69	Ecole Plamondon	4.0	5.1
187	155	Foothills School Division No. 38	Foothills Composite High	4.0	4.9
187	194	High Prairie School Division No. 48	E.W. Pratt High	4.0	3.0
195	173	Wild Rose School Division No. 66	Frank Maddock High	3.8	4.1
195	179	Holy Spirit R.C. Sep. R.D. No. 4	St. Mary's Roman Catholic Separate	3.8	3.9
195	195	Grande Yellowhead R.D. No. 35	Grand Trunk High	3.8	2.9
195	198	Edmonton Catholic R.D. No. 40	St. Joseph	3.8	2.5
195	200	Lakeland R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 150	Assumption Junior Senior High	3.8	2.3
200	168	Canadian Rockies R.D. No. 12	Banff Community High	3.6	4.4
200	184	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Ernest Manning High	3.6	3.7
202	163	Northern Gateway R.D. No. 10	Mayerthorpe Junior Senior High	3.4	4.7
202	169	Peace River School Division No. 10	Peace River High	3.4	4.4
202	180	Grande Yellowhead R.D. No. 35	Parkland Composite High	3.4	3.9
202	182	Grande Yellowhead R.D. No. 35	Grande Cache Community High	3.4	3.7
202	186	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	M.E. Lazerte	3.4	3.6
202	189	Calgary S.D. No. 19	James Fowler High	3.4	3.3

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1998/ 1999	1996- 1999			1998/ 1999	1996– 1999
208	191	Northern Gateway R.D. No. 10	Hillside Junior Senior High	3.2	3.2
209	154	Aspen View R.D. No. 19	Boyle	3.0	5.1
209	192	Livingstone Range School Division No. 68	Matthew Halton Community	3.0	3.0
211	190	Fort McMurray S.D. No. 2833	Fort McMurray Composite High	2.8	3.2
211	199	Blue Quills Native Education Council	Blue Quills First Nations College	2.8	2.4
213	177	Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73	Cremona	2.6	4.0
214	196	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	Queen Elizabeth	2.4	2.8
214	n/a	East Central Alberta Catholic Sep. Schools R.D. No. 16	School of Hope Vermilion and Killam	2.4	n/a
216	197	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Forest Lawn High	2.2	2.6
216	n/a	Calgary R.C. Sep. S.D. No. 1	St. Anne Senior High	2.2	n/a
218	n/a	Christ the Redeemer Catholic Sep. R.D. No. 3	St. Paul's Academy	1.6	n/a
219	203	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Sir William Van Horne High	1.2	1.1
220	201	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Jack James High	1.0	1.2
220	202	Edmonton S.D. No. 7	Bonnie Doon	1.0	1.2
220	n/a	Calgary S.D. No. 19	Lord Shaughnessy High	1.0	n/a

Appendix 1: Decile range tables

Decile Range	Average diploma exam mark	Percentage of diploma exams failed	School vs exam mark difference	Diploma courses taken per student	Diploma completion rate
10	67.49	9.40	3.41	4.34	88.07
9	66.45	12.39	4.03	4.00	82.22
8	65.17	13.73	4.33	3.80	77.32
7	63.97	15.39	4.83	3.64	73.98
6	63.34	17.27	5.50	3.48	70.37
5	62.53	18.89	5.89	3.36	65.86
4	61.50	21.74	6.53	3.22	61.65
3	59.95	24.18	7.49	2.95	55.35
2	56.41	30.17	9.97	2.41	47.06
1	41.88	73.91	25.63	0.28	4.19

Base year (1995-1996) decile floor values

Appendix 2: Measuring socio-economic context The association of various socio-economic characteristics

with the 1998/1999 Overall rating out of ten

Regression Statistics

Multiple R	0.370848
R Square	0.137528
Adjusted R Square	0.109017
Standard Error	1.943974
Observations	251

Coefficients of the independent variables

	Coefficients	t Stat	p Value
Intercept	-3.60	-0.88	n/s
APEInc	0.00	-0.50	n/s
APGTPInc	0.00	-1.44	n/s
APOInc	0.00	1.10	n/s
%PPNoKnowOffLang	-0.20	-1.43	n/s
%PPNon-offHLange	-0.03	-1.24	n/s
AvgAgePP	0.14	1.28	n/s
%LPAR	-0.02	-1.20	n/s
MEPAvgEd	0.41	2.2	**

Key to Independent Variable Names

APEInc	Average Parental Employment Income
APGTPInc	Average Parental Government Transfer Payment Income
APOInc	Average Parental Other Income
%PPNoKnowOffLang	% of target families in which the principal parent claims no knowledge of either official language.
%PPNon-offHLange	% of target families in which the principal parent claims to primarily use a lan- guage that is not one of the official languages in the home.
AvgAgePP	Average age of the principal parent in the target families.
%LPAR	% of target families in which there is only one parent that resides in the home.
MEPAvgEd	Average number of years of education of the most educated parent.

Notes

(1)All independent variables are derived from 1996 Census data (aggregated to the Enumeration Area level). Data was weighted according to by-census enumeration area enrolment data provided by Alberta Learning.(2)Principal Parent (PP) means the female parent in two parent families and the lone parent in single parent families.

(3)** = significant at 99% level; * = significant at 90% level; ns=not significant at 90% level

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