

ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT (AERR)

Background

Accountability is the obligation to be answerable for the performance and results of one's assigned responsibilities. The Division recognizes its responsibility to keep stakeholders informed about accomplishments and work toward goals.

The Division will keep its school communities and the public informed of the overall results achieved in the Division through publishing and distributing an Annual Education Results Report.

Procedures

As part of a continuous improvement cycle, School Authorities are expected to assess and interpret the results arising from the implementation of their education plan and report on their progress toward achieving priorities and outcomes in their Annual Education Results Report on an annual basis. Annual Education Results Reports provide the results obtained from implementing the education plan and actions taken to meet responsibilities in the key assurance domains.

Through the process of developing the AERR, school authorities collect, analyze, and evaluate key performance data arising from the implementation of the education plan. This includes results from provincial measures (required and supplemental) and any locally developed or selected measures used to assess progress on their priorities and within the domains. School authorities analyze data, consider local context, develop insights, draw conclusions, and determine implications arising from the results.

The Annual Education Results Report reflects and summarizes this process and provides stakeholders and the public with accurate, accessible, and easy to understand information about the progress and performance of the school authority in relation to priorities outlined in the education plan and the assurance domains. Effectively engaging stakeholders in the development of plans and sharing results ensures responsiveness to local needs, increases stakeholder understanding of education matters, improves decision-making and enhances ownership of decisions. The insights and conclusions arising from the results analysis provides the basis for developing and updating the education plan.

1. The Annual Education Results Report is a formal document required by Alberta Education that demonstrates accountability, provides assurance in meeting responsibilities in the assurance domains, and is developed annually. Assurance in education occurs through building relationships, engaging with education partners, and sustaining a culture of continuous improvement and collective responsibility.

2. The Annual Education Results Report is consistent with Alberta Education's vision, mission, and priorities. It outlines priorities for student learning, guides budget decisions and forms the basis for reporting on progress and achievement.
3. The Superintendent (or designate) will develop an Annual Education Results Report in accordance with Alberta Education policy and submit it to the Board for approval. The Board will submit the Report in accordance with the requirements set forth by Alberta Education.
4. The Annual Education Results Report will contain information regarding progress toward meeting the goals and objectives established by the Division in the Education Plan.
5. The Annual Education Results Report will include measuring, analyzing, and reporting results for all provincial (required and supplemental) and locally developed (selected) measures identified in the Education Plan that assess impact of strategies implemented to achieve goals.
6. The Annual Education Results Report will include the most current year results, trend analysis, achievement, and improvement results.
7. The Annual Education Results Report will include a thorough investigation of results, contextual information, factors affecting performance, actions taken that contributed to the results, key insights, areas of growth, areas for improvement, and next steps.
8. The Annual Education Results Report provides the results obtained from implementing the plan and actions taken to meet responsibilities in key assurance domains (Student Growth & Achievement, Teaching and Learning, Learning Supports, Governance, Local & Societal Context).
9. Annual Education Results Reports will be shared and approved by the Board of Trustees and submitted to Alberta Education by November 30th of each year, consistent with the submission of the Division's Audited Financial Statements. Reports will be made public and posted on the Foothills School Division website.
10. The Division shall use the Annual Education Results Report for information in the planning and policymaking cycle and adjust its goals and strategies as necessary.

Reference: Relevant Legislation and Guidelines