



Quest A⁺ Accessing Provincial Achievement Tests

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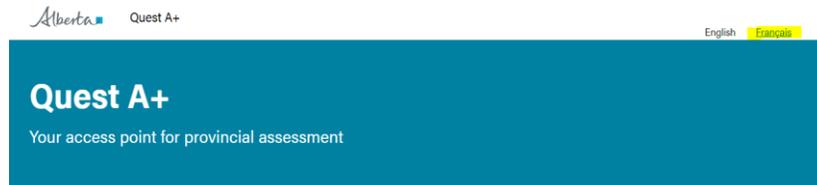
Accessing Provincial Achievement Tests

Test Security

- PC's and Macs – The computer must have Lockdown Browser installed. It can be school owned or student owned. It can be downloaded here: <https://questaplus.alberta.ca/help>.
- Chromebooks - The Google Administrator must contact [Alberta Education](#) for directions to configure school owned Chromebooks. Student owned Chromebooks cannot be used to write secured exams.

Test Readiness

- Accommodations - If students are using an audio accommodation: check to make sure the audio on the device is not muted and is at an appropriate level before accessing the exam. Audio accommodations are only available for Part A exams. Please contact special.cases@gov.ab.ca if you require MP3s.
- French Language - If students are writing an exam in French, the keyboard on the device needs to be changed to the French Canadian keyboard before accessing the test. Also, Quest A+ now has a French interface. If you go to the home page, you can click on the link that says, Français, at the top of the screen to change Quest A+ to French.

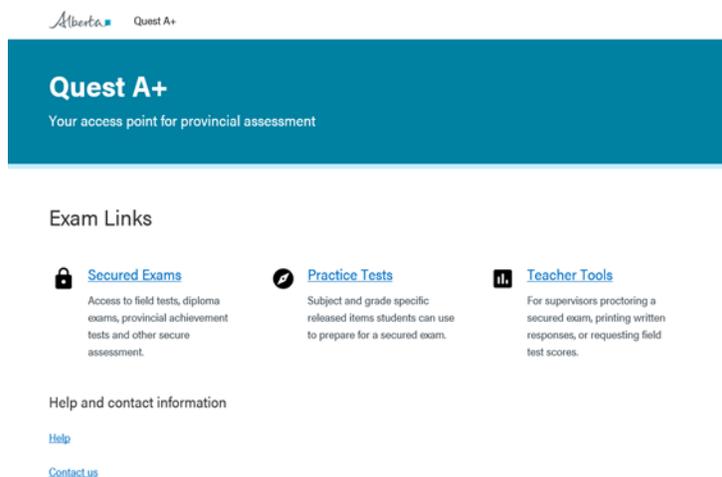


Exam Links

Log in

To log in and access a diploma exam, follow these instructions:

- Go to <https://questaplus.alberta.ca>
- Click on “Secured Exams”



- Enter Exam PIN provided by Alberta Education
- Click “**Find Exam**”

- Students enter their birth date and Alberta Student Number (ASN). If both are correct, they will be able to click the, “**Next**” button. If not, check to ensure they have been entered correctly. If errors persist, check with your office administrative assistant to confirm the student information matches what is in PASI.

- Students will then have to check off if they were home schooled or not. Then they will have to check if they completed the course in the same year as testing or not. For example, most students will complete the course in the same year as testing, but a grade 8 student in a grade 8/9 split class who is writing the PAT will check, **“I completed this course in a year other than the year of testing.”**

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Your access point for provincial assessment

English Language Arts 6 Written Response Achievement Test

Scheduled Start Date December 9, 2019 at 7:37AM	Exam Pin ZQ84Vo
Maximum Time Limit 5 hours	School Code 3397
Birth Date October 10, 1980	Alberta Student Number 8010-3836-5
First Name Case-A	Last Name Test

3 Extra Questions

Home Education

- I was **not** home schooled for this subject
- I was home schooled for this subject

School Year Type

- I completed this course in the **same** school year as the testing
- I completed this course in a year **other** than the year of testing

Next

- Students will now check if they require accommodations. If they have used accommodations throughout the school year and have permission from the school, they check the box, **“I use accommodations granted by my school to write tests.”**

Quest A+

Your access point for provincial assessment

English Language Arts 6 Written Response Achievement Test

Scheduled Start Date April 28, 2020 at 12:57PM	Exam Pin x4Wj7v
Maximum Time Limit 5 hours	School Code 4201
Birth Date October 10, 1980	Alberta Student Number 8010-3836-5
First Name Case-A	Last Name Test
I was home schooled No	Completed course in same school year Yes

4 Accommodations Used

- I have **not** been granted accommodations by my school to write tests
- I use accommodations granted by my school to write tests

Next

- Students can check which accommodation(s) they require. (The exam time is automatically doubled, so do not choose Additional Writing time as an accommodation.)
- The supervisor will then have to enter the Supervisor PIN to enable the accommodation. Click, “Next.”
- To enter Additional Writing Time in case of exam disruption, see [Test Dashboard](#).

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Your access point for provincial assessment

English Language Arts 6 Written Response Achievement Test

Scheduled Start Date April 28, 2020 at 12:51PM	Exam Pin x!Wj7v
Maximum Time Limit 5 hours	School Code 4201
Birth Date October 10, 1980	Alberta Student Number 8010-3836-5
First Name John	Last Name Smith
I was home schooled No	Completed course in same school year Yes

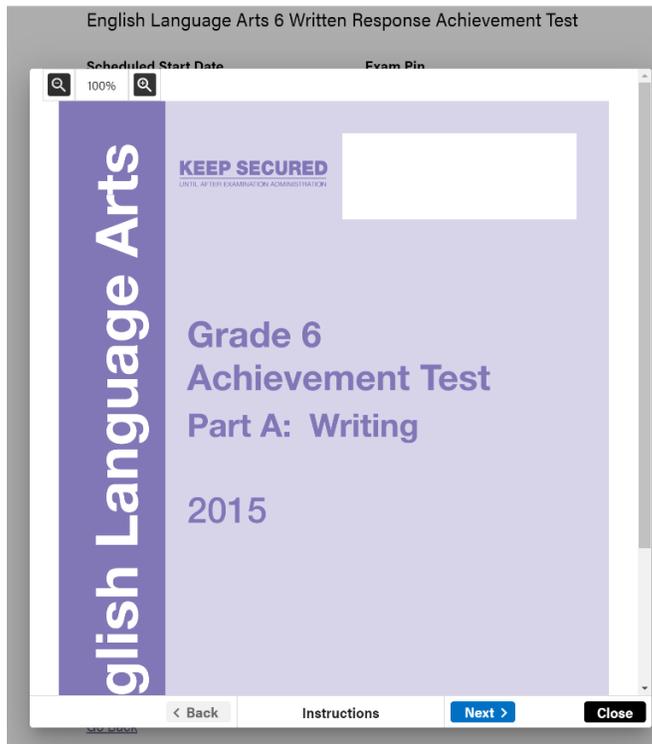
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I have **not** been granted accommodations by my school to write tests
 I use accommodations granted by my school to write tests

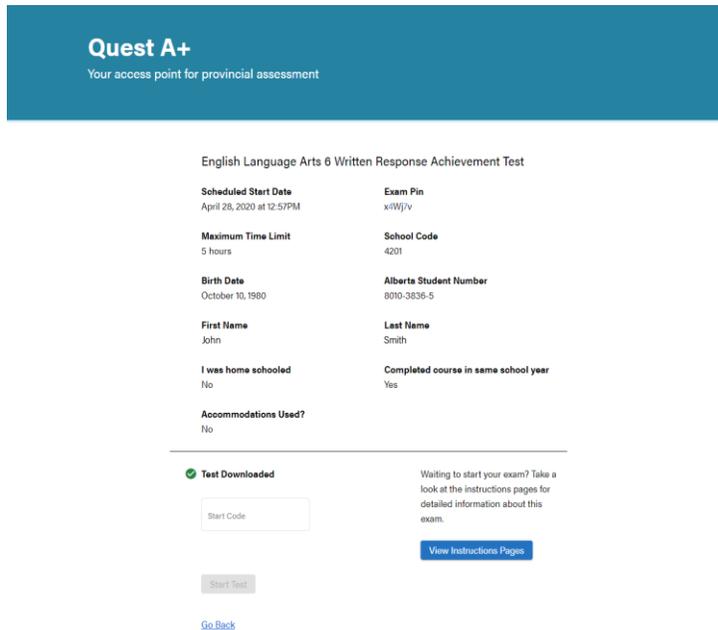
<input type="checkbox"/> Audio - visual impairment	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio - learning and/or physical disability
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional writing time	<input type="checkbox"/> Scribe
<input type="checkbox"/> Large print version	<input type="checkbox"/> Braille version
<input type="checkbox"/> Reader	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign language interpreter
<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded response	<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous

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- The test instruction pages will then display. You can read the instructions and then click, “Close.”



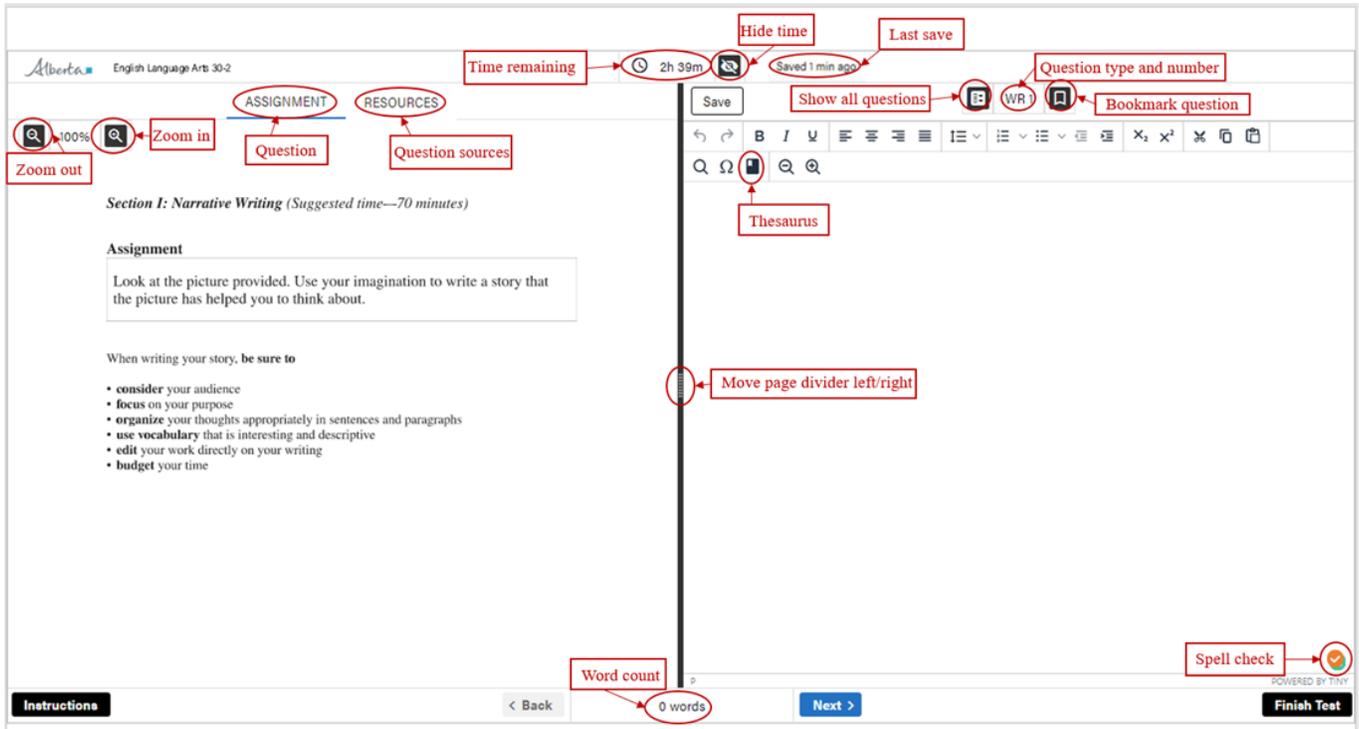
- The test will then download. Once every student has successfully downloaded the test, the test supervisor can inform students of the **Start Code** provided by Alberta Education. This is the Supervisor’s control over when the test begins. **Only distribute the start code once every student is ready to start writing the test.** Then click, “**Start Test**”. Please note the code is case sensitive.



Navigating the Website

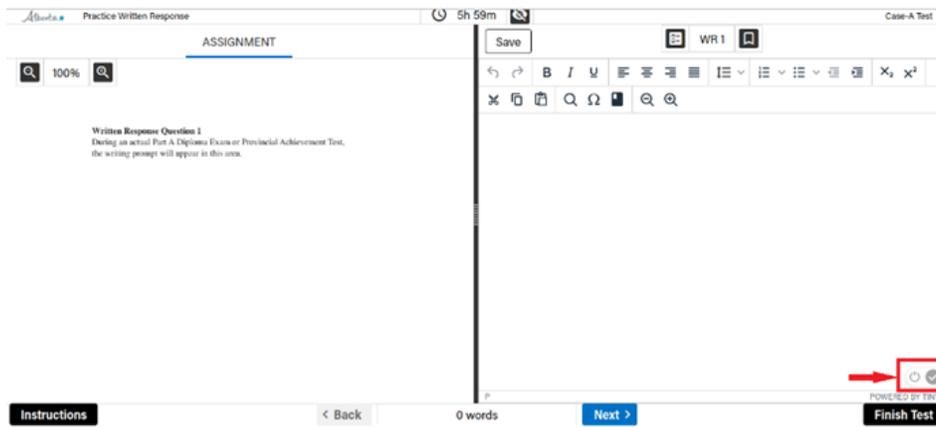
All associated resources (e.g., data booklets, readings, other sources, etc.) are automatically displayed in a split-screen format in Quest A+. The following diagrams show the various components of written-response, multiple-choice and numerical-response questions.

Written Response



Spell Check

To ensure spellcheck is turned on, make sure the check mark at the bottom of the screen is orange. If it is grey, hover over the icon with your pointer and you will see a power icon pop up. Click on the icon and it will enable spell check.



Multiple Choice

Alberta Social Studies 9

Time remaining 55m Hide time

Question type and number MC 33 Bookmark question

Number of resources 2/2 Zoom out Zoom in

QUESTION RESOURCE(S)

Use to answer questions

IX. Questions 31 to 34 are based on the following sources.

Source III

Eco-entrepreneurs Launch City's First Free Store
Drop-off Fee Helps Cover Overhead in Unique Venture

Mariam Ibrahim
Journal Staff Writer
Edmonton

There's a new store in Edmonton that won't have you worrying about maxing out your credit cards after an afternoon of shopping. In fact, you can leave your entire wallet, credit cards included, at home.

That's because at Edmonton's First Free Store, located at 8405 118th Ave., just about everything is free for the taking.

"You can take as much as you're willing to carry out," said 24-year-old Benjamin Ryder, who co-owns and runs the store with Brandon Tyson, 24, and Russ Armstrong, 56.

"You just walk right in and take whatever you need," Armstrong added. "Then you are free to turn around and walk right out."

All of the items in the store are donated by people who no longer have a use for them, the trio explains. The store, open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., makes its money by charging a \$2 drop-off fee for each bag or box brought in, which helps pay overhead costs. [...]

"A lot of people are willing to pay that price, because they've come through here and taken things for free," Tyson said. "They just want to share that experience with others." [...]

"It's a 100-per-cent for-profit business," Armstrong said. "We call ourselves social eco-entrepreneurs."

—from the *Edmonton Journal*

Ibrahim, Marian. "Eco-entrepreneurs Launch City's First Free Store." *Edmonton Journal*, September 10, 2010, sec. B, p. 3. Material reprinted with the express permission of *Edmonton Journal*, a division of Postmedia Network Inc.

IX. Use the sources in the "Resources" section to answer questions 31 to 34.

33. Unlike the businesses whose sales promotions are illustrated in Source II, the owners of the First Free Store described in Source III are **mainly** motivated by a desire to

A. provide goods for people in need
B. profit from selling goods to consumers
C. increase cooperation with other businesses
D. offer people a wide variety of products to choose from

Instructions < Back A B C D Next > Finish Test

Time remaining 55m Hide time

Show all questions MC 33 Bookmark question

Move page divider left/right

Select your answer

Numerical Response

Alberta Mathematics 9

Time remaining 58m Hide time

Show all questions NR 3 Bookmark question

TEST RESOURCE(S)

Use to help answer questions

Grade 9 Mathematics Formula Sheet

The following information may be useful in writing this test.

Area (A)

Circle $A = \pi r^2$

Rectangle $A = lw$

Triangle $A = \frac{bh}{2}$

Volume (V)

Right Cylinder $V = \pi r^2 h$

Prism $V = (\text{Base Area})(h)$

Circumference (C)

Circle $C = \pi d$ or $2\pi r$

Pythagorean Theorem

To use the ruler to help you answer this question, click on the appropriate icon above.

Use the following information to answer numerical-response question 3.

The diagram of a television sitting on a stand is shown below. Six polygons in the diagram are numbered.

Numerical Response

3. The three numbered polygons that are irregular polygons are _____, _____, and _____.

(Record all three digits of your answer in any order in the response boxes at the bottom of the screen.)

Instructions < Back [] Next > Finish Test

Time remaining 58m Hide time

Show all questions NR 3 Bookmark question

Move page divider left/right

Enter answer

All Questions and Bookmarked Questions

The screenshot displays the 'All Questions' view of a Science 9 test. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Science 9', a timer at '55m', and a search icon. Below this is a 'TEST RESOURCE(S)' section with a search bar and navigation arrows. The main content area includes a 'Science 9 Two-sided Data Sheet (Electricity Formulas on Back)' featuring a 'Periodic Table of the First Eighteen Elements' and a key. To the right, there is a text box for 'question 7' with a graph. Below the data sheet, a summary bar shows 'All Questions', '17 Answered', '38 Not Answered', and '2 Bookmarked'. A grid of 50 multiple-choice questions (MC 1 to MC 50) is displayed below, with various icons indicating their status (e.g., answered, not answered, bookmarked).

If a student clicks “**Finish Test**,” a confirmation window will appear. The information in the window indicates unanswered questions and questions to review.

Are you finished?

[50 Question\(s\)](#)
Not Answered

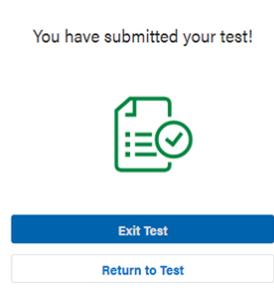
[3 Question\(s\)](#)
Bookmarked

[Submit Test](#)

[Review Answers](#)

At this point, the student can click, either “**Submit Test**” or, go back to the exam and make changes by clicking, “**Review Answers**”.

If they click, “**Submit Test**” they will see the message below. At this point, they can still return to the test for review if needed.



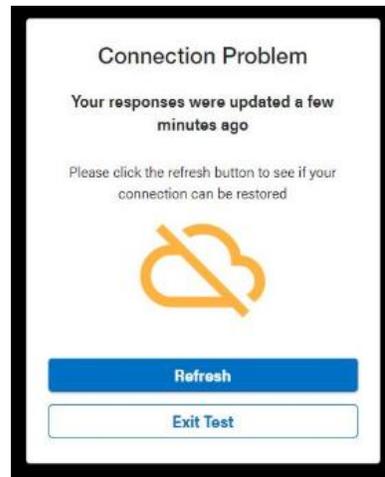
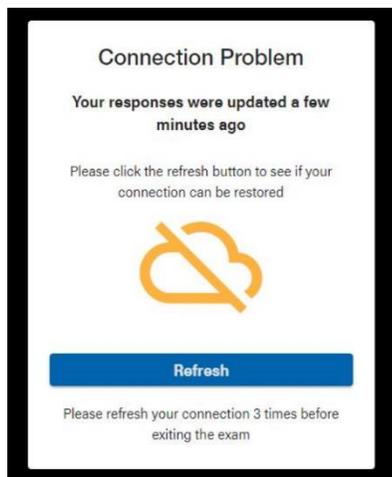
When the student clicks, “**Exit Test**” they will return to the Exam PIN entry page. If they are certain they have finished the exam, they can close their browser. If a student needs to regain access to the exam at this point, they will need to log back into the exam with the help of the supervisor using the supervisor PIN.

Quest A+ on Chromebooks

- When using zoom on a Chromebook, you can use two fingers on the trackpad (mouse) to zoom in and out and move around. Also, if you put your cursor to the right side of any question or resource, the scroll bar will appear when zoomed in.
- To enable full screen press  on the top row of the keyboard. This will show the word count.

Connection Problem

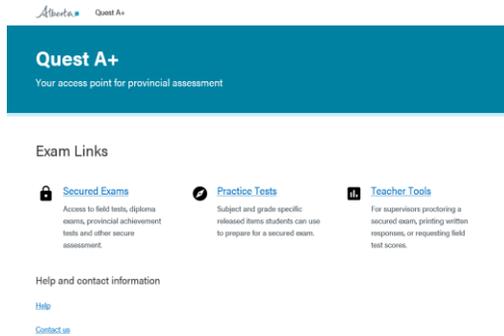
This is the most common error a student may encounter during the exam. It means there is a problem with the internet connection, or the connection between Quest A+ and Alberta Education servers. This popup ensures that students will not lose their work by typing while being disconnected. Check to make sure the student is connected to the internet. They may have to move closer to a router, or try another device. Click on the **Refresh** button at least three times. If the student cannot establish connection, click **Exit Test**, and log into the exam again.



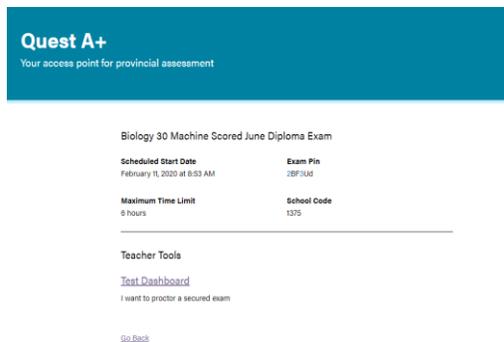
Teacher Tools

Exam supervisors must be familiar with the “**Test Dashboard**” to monitor students online while they are writing their exams. This is to ensure there are no Internet connection problems.

- Click on “Teacher Tools”



- Click on “Test Dashboard”



The Dashboard will open showing a list of all the students writing the exam

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Subject	Students Finished	Exam PIN	Exam Duration						
Practice Written Response	4/5	icKBC3	6h 00m						
Last Name ↑	First Name	Update Status	Remaining Time	Additional Time (min)	Start/Pause	WR 1	WR 2	WR 3	Completion Status
Test	Bee GOA	Finished	6h 00m	0					Finished
Test	Case-C	Finished	5h 59m	0					Finished
Test	Case-D	Finished	5h 59m	0					Finished
Test	Case-E	Responses up to date	5h 52m	10					In progress
Test	Case-A	Finished	5h 47m	0					Finished

Students per page 10 1 - 5 of 5

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The Test Dashboard is necessary for the supervisor in a variety of ways:

- **Update Status** – used to ensure students are connected to the Internet.
- **Additional Time** – In case of a disruption to a student's exam, you can click on the additional time icon to add up to 60 minutes of additional writing time.
- **Print All** – print all responses for all students on the list
- **Pause All** – in case of emergency, you can pause the exam for all students so that the countdown timer stops.
- **Start/Pause** – In case of an individual student exam disruption, you can pause the exam for an individual student.
- **WR1, WR2, WR3** – you can click on the print icon to print an individual student's response(s).

Results and Scoring

If schools are locally marking written response exams, they will have a week to access student responses. Teachers will need to mark online during this week, or print the responses to mark at a later date.

To receive the preliminary results for machine scored exams, principals need to access the Alberta Education website.

- Go to <https://alberta.ca/education/>
- Log in with your Alberta Education account (or create an account if you don't already have one)

A screenshot of a dark grey button with a white grid icon on the left and the text 'My Applications' in white on the right.

- Click on the button
- Click on **Preliminary Results Grade 6/9** under Provincial Achievement Tests

If you are a principal and do not see Preliminary Results Grade 6/9, then you will need to call the client services help desk at 780-427-5318 and request it to be added to your account.

Contact Alberta Education

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Online Assessment Specialist
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Ian Drysdale
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