**2017 PAT General Information**

***(Alberta Education)***

**PAT Overview**

Schedules, significant dates, security, directives, guidelines, and procedures related to the administration of achievement tests.

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) are administered to students in grades 6 and 9.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Provincial Achievement Testing program is to:

* Determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn
* Report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling
* Assist schools, authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning

**Subjects and Dates**

In grades 6 and 9, Provincial Achievement Tests are administered in May and June annually in English and Français/French language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Some grade 9 students write PATs in January of each year.

Grade 9 achievement tests based on the Knowledge and Employability programs of study in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies are also administered.

**French Achievement Tests**

French versions of all mathematics, science, and social studies achievement tests are available for students in Francophone and French immersion programs.

**Detailed Information and Practice Questions by Subject Area**

For detailed information on each Provincial Achievement Test, please see the [program of studies card for that subject](https://education.alberta.ca/programs-of-study/), where you can find subject bulletins, exemplars, and other resources to be used when preparing students for the tests.