

# Coalhurst High School



## 2023/24 Annual Education Results Report

### **Palliser District Mission Statement:**

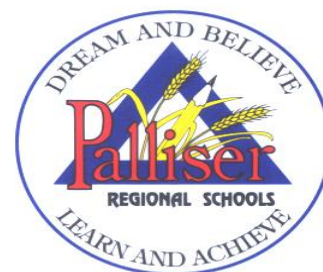
Together we will ensure learning success for all students to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.

### **CHS Mission Statement:**

100% of Students at Coalhurst High School will complete high school leading them to excellence in post-secondary opportunities.

### **CHS Vision Statement:**

To provide high quality education in a safe, respectful and inclusive environment that builds a foundation for life-long learning.



## Alberta Education Provincial Outcomes

Outcome 1: Alberta's students are successful.

Outcome 2: First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students in Alberta are successful.

Outcome 3: Alberta has excellent teachers, school leaders, and school authority leaders.

Outcome 4: Alberta's K-12 education system is well governed and managed.

## Palliser School District's Priorities

The 2021-2025 Palliser School Division Education Plan is based on the priorities identified by the Board of Trustees, senior leadership and school administration. These priorities are wellness, literacy and numeracy and will be achieved through a focus on:

**Student Engagement:** Continue to enhance and promote student voice in their learning.

**Inclusion:** Continue to build an environment where diversity is celebrated and all students are supported in their learning endeavors.

**Assessment Practices:** Align pedagogical approaches to ensure assessment is grounded by research, relevance and meaning for students.

**Mental Health:** Continue to enhance and expand supports for students and staff

## Coalhurst High School: School Profile

The town of Coalhurst is situated approximately three miles north of the Lethbridge city limits. Due to its proximity, it has shown steady growth in its population. As well as serving the town, Coalhurst High School educates students from the Village of Monarch and the rural areas surrounding both Coalhurst and Monarch. The Regional transportation system provides services (in conjunction with the needs of Coalhurst Elementary) on five rural routes.

The School houses grades 7 to 12 in Junior and Senior High levels, and offers a broad academic program complemented by elective courses.

Many students and teachers are also involved in the various extracurricular programs offered through the School. They include sports programs, social functions, theater performances and so forth.

# Coalhurst High School: Student Engagement

## Performance Measures

1. Student Engagement: The percentage of teachers, parents and students who agree that students are engaged in their learning at school.

	Coalhurst High School										Alberta												
	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		Measure Evaluation			2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Achievement	Improvement	Overall	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Overall	n/a	n/a	78	92.9	71	91.0	61	90.5	9	85.2	n/a	Maintained	n/a	n/a	n/a	230,956	85.6	249,740	85.1	257,214	84.4	265,079	83.7
Parent	n/a	n/a	9	100.0	11	93.9	7	90.5	9	85.2	n/a	Maintained	n/a	n/a	n/a	30,994	89.0	31,694	88.7	31,862	87.3	33,209	86.7
Student	n/a	n/a	61	78.8	50	78.9	43	81.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	169,789	71.8	187,102	71.3	193,029	70.9	199,823	69.3
Teacher	n/a	n/a	8	100.0	10	100.0	11	100.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30,173	96.0	30,944	95.5	32,323	95.1	32,047	95.1

2. Strategies/Evaluation:
  - Overall the school has scored higher than the province.
  - CHS has prioritized fostering healthy and positive relationships with students and families as a way to engage students.
  - We will continue to provide a variety of ways for students to feel connected to the school; sports teams, drama club, board game club, book club, GSA, E-sports, Super Smash Club, STEM club, DND club, etc. Many of these we will invite community members to volunteer.
  - CHS has provided leadership opportunities for students to allow them to build confidence and self-efficacy skills.
  - Staff will explore new ways to both celebrate students' success and how to communicate that success to our larger school community.
  - Students in CHS are very active in both dual credit and work experience opportunities.
  - CHS' school academic counselor is very involved in helping students with future planning.
  - CHS offers a breakfast program, lunch program, as well as a concession.
  - Throughout the year we take various educational field trips that can range from local, provincial, to international.
  - CHS has a very active parent and student council.
  - CHS often partners with the elementary school on joint activities from drama productions to the Terry Fox Walk.
  - The new cell phone policy will also make a positive effect on student engagement.

## Coalhurst High School: Inclusion

### Performance Measures

1. Inclusion: The percentage of teachers, parents and students who agree that: Students are safe at school, are learning the importance of caring for others, are learning respect for others and are treated fairly at school.

	Coalhurst High School										Measure Evaluation			Alberta									
	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		Achievement	Improvement	Overall	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%				N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Overall	90	94.1	78	92.4	71	92.9	61	90.5	9	84.4	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable	264,204	89.4	230,987	90.0	249,835	88.8	257,278	87.5	265,150	87.1
Parent	12	98.3	9	94.7	11	92.7	7	80.0	9	84.4	High	Maintained	Good	36,899	90.2	30,969	90.5	31,707	89.5	31,879	88.1	33,225	88.0
Student	66	84.0	61	82.4	50	85.9	43	93.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	193,364	82.6	169,813	84.0	187,165	82.5	193,049	81.5	199,865	80.4
Teacher	12	100.0	8	100.0	10	100.0	11	98.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	33,941	95.3	30,205	95.4	30,963	94.3	32,350	93.0	32,060	92.9

### 2. Strategies/Evaluation:

- Diversity is celebrated in our school.
- Programming for special needs students has moved away from a deficit model and reflects student's strengths.
- This school has a GSA.
- Due to immigration, the school is experiencing growth in diversity of our students. Our staff and students ensure that all race and religious diversities are welcome and celebrated. Educating students about the different cultures of our student body is a priority.
- CHS takes great pride to celebrate days such as Orange Shirt Day, Pride Day, Pink Shirt Day, etc.

## Coalhurst High School: Assessment Practices

### Performance Measures

1. Percentage of parents, teachers and students satisfied with the overall quality of education.

	Coalhurst High School										Measure Evaluation			Alberta									
	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		Achievement	Improvement	Overall	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%				N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Overall	90	90.6	78	93.2	71	90.2	61	94.2	9	87.0	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable	264,623	90.3	230,814	89.6	249,532	89.0	257,584	88.1	265,643	87.6
Parent	12	87.1	9	90.6	11	84.8	7	92.9	9	87.0	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	36,907	86.7	31,024	86.7	31,728	86.1	31,890	84.4	33,250	83.8
Student	66	84.7	61	91.1	50	87.5	43	89.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	193,763	87.8	169,589	86.3	186,834	85.9	193,343	85.7	200,322	84.9
Teacher	12	100.0	8	97.9	10	98.3	11	100.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	33,953	96.4	30,201	95.7	30,970	95.0	32,351	94.4	32,071	93.9

2. Strategies/Evaluation:

- Teachers use a variety of assessment techniques providing multiple opportunities and modalities to demonstrate their learning.
- Teachers use a variety of levels of assessment to meet the learners at their levels.
- CHS had a group of teachers spend a PD day with the Palliser staff working on assessment practices.
- Teachers are collaborating and researching appropriate uses for AI technology in classes and possible effects on assessment.
- At every staff meeting teachers have a Best Practice Share.
- CHS has open assessment practice using such things as Edsby, Google classroom so both students and parents can get immediate feedback on student progress.
- Students have the opportunities to have multiple rewrites on assessment if requested.

**Coalhurst High School: Mental Health**

Performance Measures

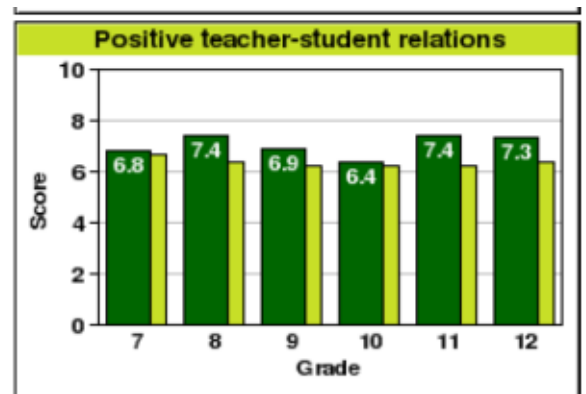
1. The percentage of teachers, parents, and students who agree that students have access to the appropriate support and services at school.

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	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		Measure Evaluation			2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Achievement	Improvement	Overall	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
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Parent	n/a	n/a	9	97.7	11	80.4	7	77.1	9	84.1	n/a	Maintained	n/a	n/a	n/a	30,936	78.9	31,684	77.4	31,847	75.7	33,177	75.4
Student	n/a	n/a	61	86.2	50	84.2	43	92.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	169,631	80.2	186,935	80.1	192,805	79.9	199,516	78.7
Teacher	n/a	n/a	8	87.5	10	80.0	11	80.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30,194	88.7	30,951	87.3	32,342	86.2	32,040	85.6

**Positive teacher-student relations**

Students who feel teachers are responsive to their needs, and encourage independence with a democratic approach.

- In this school, positive teacher-student relations were rated 7 out of 10; the Canadian norm for these grades is 6.3.
- In this school, positive teacher-student relations were rated 7.1 out of 10 by girls and 6.8 out of 10 by boys. The Canadian norm for girls is 6.3 and for boys is 6.4.



2. Strategies/Evaluation:

- We have a teacher on staff trained in the ‘Go To Educator’ program.
- We systematically ensure that all students have an adult in the school they can connect with regularly (TAP class).
- Although there is improvement to be made, our school is scoring higher than the Canadian norms in terms of knowing their teachers are there to support them.
- Students each year attend the Headstrong Summit and return with ideas they share with the school.
- CHS has a very involved and active Health Champion.
- We believe our high number of extracurricular clubs and teams also help to create positive mindsets and help with student mental health.
- CHS has a Making Connections Worker, Mental Health Navigator and a FSLC, available as required.

## Coalhurst High School Overall Snapshot: Accountability Pillar

Assurance Domain	Measure	Coalhurst High School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	<a href="#">Student Learning Engagement</a>	85.2	90.5	90.7	83.7	84.4	84.8	n/a	Maintained	n/a
	<a href="#">Citizenship</a>	68.9	85.3	86.6	79.4	80.3	80.9	Low	Declined	Issue
	<a href="#">3-year High School Completion</a>	77.6	79.5	80.0	80.4	80.7	82.4	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
	<a href="#">5-year High School Completion</a>	74.0	91.4	90.2	88.1	88.6	87.3	Low	Declined	Issue
	<a href="#">PAT6: Acceptable</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	66.2	66.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">PAT6: Excellence</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.0	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">PAT9: Acceptable</a>	n/a	67.6	67.6	n/a	62.6	62.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">PAT9: Excellence</a>	n/a	18.2	18.2	n/a	15.5	15.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teaching & Leading	<a href="#">Diploma: Acceptable</a>	n/a	82.4	82.4	n/a	80.3	80.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">Diploma: Excellence</a>	n/a	17.6	17.6	n/a	21.2	21.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teaching & Leading	<a href="#">Education Quality</a>	87.0	94.2	92.2	87.6	88.1	88.6	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
Learning Supports	<a href="#">Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRESLE)</a>	80.6	86.8	88.5	84.0	84.7	85.4	n/a	Maintained	n/a
	<a href="#">Access to Supports and Services</a>	84.1	83.2	82.4	79.9	80.6	81.1	n/a	Maintained	n/a
Governance	<a href="#">Parental Involvement</a>	71.1	77.5	77.9	79.5	79.1	78.9	Low	Maintained	Issue

### Highlights

- Student Learning and Engagement is higher than the province.
- CHS Education quality is within a percent of the province.
- Access to Supports and Services have scored higher than the province.

### Challenges

- Improve parent engagement in school.
- High rates of truancy.
- Citizenship had dropped significantly.

## Coalhurst High School: Final Notes and Reflection

As we conclude the 2023-2024 school year at Coalhurst High School, it is essential to address both the challenges we have faced and the successes we have celebrated.

### **Facilities Concerns**

We continue to encounter significant challenges regarding our facilities. The food classroom and industrial arts trailer for example, are not adequately sized for our growing student population. This limitation requires us to prioritize course enrollment for students needing specific credits, often leaving those with a genuine interest in these subjects unable to participate.

While we have created flexible spaces for students to relax and socialize, the demand often exceeds availability, highlighting the need for more areas where students can unwind together. Our gymnasium further exacerbates these challenges; it is insufficient for running multiple gym classes simultaneously and cannot accommodate larger sporting events, restricting our ability to promote physical education and school spirit.

Additionally, the lack of a dedicated lunchroom means students must eat in their classrooms or hallways, which hinders their social interactions during meal times and affects the overall school experience.

### **Celebrations of the School**

Despite these challenges, Coalhurst High School is vibrant with enthusiasm, school spirit, and pride. We offer a wide variety of clubs and sports teams, ensuring that every student can find an extracurricular activity that resonates with them.

This year, our new cell phone policy has led to a noticeable increase in student engagement and interaction, fostering a more connected school environment. Our focus has been on helping students rebuild relationships with one another and with staff, as we recognize the social skills that were lost during the pandemic.

To support this initiative, we have established student-led school teams focused on leadership development. The early results of this program have been remarkable, showcasing the potential of our students to lead and collaborate effectively.

In conclusion, while we face significant facility challenges at Coalhurst High School, our commitment to fostering a positive and engaging school culture remains strong. We look forward to continuing our efforts to enhance our facilities and support our students' growth in the coming years.