

## EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### INFORMATION

This report provides information on an indicator of high school performance relating to continuity in courses of study.

One of the measures used to determine changes in the rate of completion of courses of study is the percentage of early school leavers often referred to as "drop-outs". The term "drop-outs" refers to students who leave school prior to completion of their selected course of studies for employment or unknown reasons. For the purposes of this report information was obtained from the Student Information System and data analysed by school, grade and program. Following are highlights from the data collected:

- 4.2 per cent of high school students dropped out of school in 1998-99 – represents a decrease of 1.0 per cent when compared to 1997-98
- a 2.8 per cent decrease in the net drop-out rate over a five year reporting period
- a decrease in the percentage of students who dropped out in grades 10 and 11 compared to the previous year
- grade 12 had the highest drop out rate
- a 4% decrease in the drop out rate for special needs students

Appendix I provides more specific information on the number and percentages of drop-outs at each of the sixteen high schools as well as at the district level. Appendix II provides drop out rates by grade level and program level.

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APPENDIX I - High School Performance Measures: Drop-Outs 1994 - 1999  
APPENDIX II - Early School Leavers by Grade Level and Program, 1998-99

## APPENDIX I

## HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCE MEASURES: DROP-OUTS 1994-1999

SCHOOL	YEAR	SCHOOL SEPTEMBER ENROL	DROP-OUTS RATES OCTOBER - JUNE %	RETURNEES TO SAME OR OTHER DISTRICT SCHOOL %	NET DROP-OUT RATE %
Argyll Home School Centre	1998-99	262	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bonnie Doon / Vimy Ridge	1994-95	566	28.1	5.5	22.6
	1995-96	485	22.9	5.6	17.3
	1996-97	445	21.6	4.9	16.6
	1997-98	365	21.1	6.0	15.1
	1998-99	287	17.4	4.2	13.2
Centre High	1997-98	1,626	7.2	.4	6.8
	1998-99	1,869	12.8	0.9	12.0
Eastglen	1994-95	1,170	12.8	3.2	9.7
	1995-96	1,262	11.2	2.9	8.2
	1996-97	1,416	10.5	2.7	7.8
	1997-98	1,217	9.6	1.6	8.1
	1998-99	1,213	7.2	1.5	5.7
Harry Ainlay	1994-95	2,107	4.4	0.9	3.5
	1995-96	2,166	4.4	0.9	3.5
	1996-97	2,188	3.7	0.6	3.1
	1997-98	2,062	2.5	0.3	2.2
	1998-99	1,976	2.0	0.4	1.7
J. Percy Page	1994-95	1,261	11.0	5.5	5.6
	1995-96	1,285	7.9	1.9	6.0
	1996-97	1,313	9.9	3.4	6.5
	1997-98	1,210	6.6	2.0	4.6
	1998-99	1,302	5.7	1.9	3.8
Jasper Place	1994-95	1,834	14.1	2.9	11.2
	1995-96	1,864	11.6	2.2	9.4
	1996-97	1,937	10.8	2.1	8.8
	1997-98	1,854	8.1	1.8	6.3
	1998-99	1,956	6.3	1.8	4.4
M. E. LaZerte	1994-95	1,951	10.5	3.0	7.5
	1995-96	1,782	9.7	2.3	7.4
	1996-97	1,574	8.3	1.6	6.7
	1997-98	1,181	9.4	2.1	7.3
	1998-99	1,148	5.8	1.1	4.7
McNally	1994-95	1,173	2.2	0.5	1.7
	1995-96	1,206	2.8	0.3	2.5
	1996-97	1,246	2.2	0.6	1.6
	1997-98	1,201	4.1	1.5	2.6
	1998-99	1,271	2.4	0.7	1.7
Old Scona	1994-95	257	0.4	0.4	0.0
	1995-96	256	0.0	0.0	0.0
	1996-97	257	0.0	0.0	0.0
	1997-98	259	0.4	0.0	0.4
	1998-99	266	0.0	0.0	0.0

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SCHOOL	YEAR	SCHOOL SEPTEMBER ENROL	DROP-OUTS RATES OCTOBER - JUNE	RETURNEES TO SAME OR OTHER DISTRICT SCHOOL	NET DROP-OUT RATE
			%	%	%
Queen Elizabeth	1994-95	1,353	10.9	2.9	8.1
	1995-96	1,331	10.1	2.3	7.7
	1996-97	1,344	11.5	2.4	9.2
	1997-98	1,143	2.7	0.6	2.1
	1998-99	1,170	0.9	0.2	0.8
Ross Sheppard	1994-95	1,930	6.9	1.6	5.3
	1995-96	1,745	7.3	1.4	5.8
	1996-97	1,752	6.7	1.7	5.0
	1997-98	1,736	7.0	1.7	5.3
	1998-99	1,851	4.9	1.5	3.4
Stratford	1995-96	71	1.4	0.0	1.4
	1996-97	141	2.1	0.0	2.1
	1997-98	159	1.3	0.0	1.3
	1998-99	158	0.6	0.6	0.0
Strathcona	1994-95	1,375	3.1	0.7	2.4
	1995-96	1,420	0.8	0.0	0.8
	1996-97	1,410	2.1	0.5	1.6
	1997-98	1,355	1.3	0.4	0.9
	1998-99	1,382	2.2	0.9	1.4
Victoria	1994-95	1,473	12.6	3.0	9.6
	1995-96	1,365	14.3	3.5	10.8
	1996-97	1,373	8.1	1.5	6.6
	1997-98	1,242	11.6	2.4	9.2
	1998-99	1,229	7.2	1.6	5.5
W. P. Wagner	1994-95	842	11.3	3.2	8.1
	1995-96	972	9.9	1.6	8.2
	1996-97	1,098	11.4	3.2	8.2
	1997-98	1,049	9.7	3.0	6.8
	1998-99	1,166	6.0	1.7	4.3
DISTRICT TOTAL	1994-95	17,292	9.5	2.5	7.0
	1995-96	17,210	8.3	1.8	6.5
	1996-97	17,494	7.8	1.8	6.0
	1997-98	17,659	6.6	1.5	5.2
	1998-99	18,506	5.4	1.2	4.2