



# AERR Summary 2018/19

Connect Charter School offers an enhanced, publicly-funded program that provides authentic, real-life learning opportunities to develop students as extraordinary citizens.

Our collaborative teaching and learning practices benefit our students, teachers and other educators to improve Alberta's education system.

## FAST FACTS

- Connect is a publicly funded Charter School
- Inclusive
- 624 students with a large waitlist
- Grades 4 to 9
- Located in Southwest Calgary

## VISION

“Preparing students as extraordinary citizens” – A lofty vision that captures the significance we place on the key pillars of our program:

- Outdoor & environmental education
- Collaboration
- Inquiry-based learning
- Technology integration
- Real-life learning experiences

## RESEARCH & INNOVATION MANDATE

As a public charter school, Connect has the additional responsibility to engage in research and innovation to improve education. We share our work on our Connect! Blog, by hosting visitors each year, by presenting at major conferences, and more.

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## 2018/19 PRIORITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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There were many highlights in the 2018-2019 school year.

- Continued strong academic success of our students:
- Worked collaboratively with Alberta Education, universities and other partners in education to serve as a crucible for change
- Fostered and enriched a sustainable partnership with Tsuut'ina Education through the Partners In Place (PIP) initiative, designed as a bridge to reconciliation.
- Meaningfully collaborated with many partners including teachers, administrators, pre-service teachers, university professors, educational assistant practicum students, and Alberta Education personnel
- Hosted the Leadership Networking Day for Calgary-area educators in leadership positions
- Enhanced student competency and teachers' and administrators' professional capacity using the descriptors of exemplary learning, teaching and leadership as frameworks for action



## The school authority's accomplishments – impact of major activities/strategies

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### PRIORITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Connect is an inclusive charter school that understands the strength its diversity brings to the learning community.
- Overwhelmingly, our students have indicated that they have an outstanding teaching staff that cares about their development.
- Connect continues to outscore the provincial average on Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT's) in all subjects at both grade 6 and grade 9:

#### GRADE 6 – % MEETING OR EXCEEDING THE ACCEPTABLE STANDARD

|                       | CONNECT 2019 | ALBERTA 2019 | CONNECT 2018 |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| English Language Arts | 99           | 91.9         | 96.2         |
| Math                  | 96.1         | 79.4         | 97.1         |
| Science               | 99           | 85.9         | 97.1         |
| Social Studies        | 99           | 84.5         | 97.1         |

#### GRADE 9 – % MEETING OR EXCEEDING THE ACCEPTABLE STANDARD

|                       | CONNECT 2019 | ALBERTA 2019 | CONNECT 2018 |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| English Language Arts | 97.8         | 84.9         | 98           |
| Math                  | 92.4         | 66.5         | 81.8         |
| Science               | 95.7         | 84.1         | 92.9         |
| Social Studies        | 93.5         | 76.9         | 97           |

- 100% of teachers agree that their students are engaged in meaningful, authentic learning activities, as reported on the annual superintendent survey.
- Student achievement remains very high, coupled with high levels of student engagement and challenge. A disposition of inquiry is a highly effective means by which we can address both the fundamentals of learning as well as deeper learning and knowledge creation.

#### PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES:

- Support teachers and students in the classrooms
- Promote exemplary citizenship in our students
- Collaborate with partners and external supports to enrich programming

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