

High School Completion

Working in support of
success for ALL students!

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Alberta Education's High School Completion Strategic Framework was developed to create partnerships, build awareness of research and promising practices, create opportunities for rich conversations and facilitate change.

The Journey to Completion

The high school completion journey begins the day students enter school and continues until the day they walk across the stage and accept their diploma or certificate. To make the journey a successful one, students need the support and concerted efforts of many stakeholders. These stakeholders, including parents, teachers, administrators, counsellors and community members, have a role to play in helping students stay on track and complete high school.

It's important to recognize that each student's high school journey looks different. The path that works for one student will be different than the path that works for another.

For Thomas, the high school journey includes academic courses leading to a high school diploma and university entrance.

I want to be a nurse, so I need to do well in high school so I can get into university. I couldn't do it without the help of my teachers and parents.

For Meaghan, a high school diploma is equally important, but the journey to get there looks very different. Meaghan is a teen mom who came to school from the streets to try to make a better life for herself and her son, Matthew.

I'm determined to do whatever I need to do to have a better life and make something of myself. My teachers and counsellors have shown me that I can be successful. I plan to go to a community college and study library and information technology.

A high school diploma is just one of four pathways to high school completion in Alberta. Other pathways include:

- Certificate of High School Achievement
- Certificate of School Completion
- High School Equivalency Diploma.

What's your role in supporting the journey to high school completion?



Key resources

- *Guide to Education* (pages 81–91)
- *Progress! Pathways to Success* (video)
<http://education.alberta.ca/highschoolcompletion/progress>
- Pathways to Completion, including credit checklists
<http://ideas.education.alberta.ca/hsc/parent-info/pathways.aspx>
- Simplify the path to success
<http://alis.alberta.ca/hs/high-school.html>
- Re-thinking Tweet Up – for more information visit
<http://ideas.education.alberta.ca/hsc.aspx>

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...Now that's *Progress!*

In order to celebrate the learnings coming out of the [High School Completion Strategic Framework](#), Alberta Education created *Progress!* to report on the progress made by projects under the five core strategies, which include student engagement, successful transitions, collaborative partnerships, positive connections and tracking progress.

Progress! reflects the commitments of schools and other partners to the work of increasing high school completion, and provides valuable information that can be used by schools across the province to inform their work in increasing high school completion.

Questions for discussion around the staffroom table

1. What does the journey to completion look like in your school?
2. To what extent is every student's journey to completion successful in your school?