

2003/04 How Are We Doing?

Demographics and Performance of Aboriginal Students in BC Public Schools

HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of students who self-identify as Aboriginal is continuing to increase, currently at 8.4%.
- There has been a continuous increase in the off-reserve populations
- Due to the increases in Aboriginal population, school districts have also increased their populations.
- Grade 4 Reading Comprehension - Aboriginal students meeting and/or exceeding expectations have increased from 56% in 2001 to 62% in 2004.
- Grade 4 Numeracy - the percent of Aboriginal students meeting and/or exceeding expectations has increased from 58% in 2000 to 75% in 2004.
- Since 2001 the number of Aboriginal students participating in Grade 7 Reading Comprehension has increased.
- There has been a continuous increase in the percentage of Aboriginal students meeting and/or exceeding expectations, from 52% in 2001 to 58% in 2004 in Grade 7 Reading Comprehension.
- Aboriginal Grade 7 FSA Writing participation rate has increased since 2001.
- Aboriginal Grade 7 Numeracy participation rate has increased since 2001.
- There has been a continuous increase in the percentage of Aboriginal students meeting and/or exceeding expectations from 55% in 2000 to 63% in 2004 in Grade 7 Numeracy.
- Aboriginal participation in English 12 has increased from 37% in 2000-2001 to 42% in 2002-2003. Aboriginal students when participating in English 12 do very well on the provincial exam.
- Aboriginal participation in Principles of Mathematics 12 has increased 2% over the last year.
- The Aboriginal six-year Dogwood completion rate has increased from 42% in 2001-2002 to 46% in 2002-2003.
- The Aboriginal Six-Year Dogwood Completion rate have increased 9% over a 5-year period, almost twice of the non-Aboriginal Six-Year Dogwood Completion rate.