


Our Academic Results



At Bertha Kennedy, we prioritize providing students with a safe and caring environment where they can learn, serve others, and thrive to live their lives fully. We provide an inclusive and diverse learning environment to meet all our students' varying needs, strengths, and interests. BK is proud to offer a variety of activities and programs through which students can develop excellence in learning through faith, relationships, and engagement.

2023/2024 Provincial Achievement Test Results

Grade 6

	Acceptable	Excellence
LA	N/A	N/A
Reading	N/A	N/A
Writing	N/A	N/A
Math	N/A	N/A
Science	96%	52%
Social	84%	36%

Quality of Education:

100% of BK parents are satisfied with the quality of education their children are receiving at BK. The teachers at BK strive to provide engaging and meaningful lessons and activities throughout the school year. 99% of students at BK feel as if they know what is expected of them at school, and 94% of parents state that their children find their schoolwork interesting.

Program of Studies:


BK has a variety of programs available to students, including:

- English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Religion
- Music, Physical Education and Wellness, Art
- Dynamic Options, Recreation Academy
- Digital Citizenship
- French as a Second Language

At BK, students can expect and rely on programming to help them succeed in school. 94% of our students believe their teachers are available if they require help with their schoolwork.

Celebrating Our Faith

Our Catholic faith is embedded in all we do as we nurture our students to live by the gospel and, in particular, to fulfill the goals of our 3-year faith theme: **“Growing in the Trinity. Love, Mercy, and Grace.”** With the support of our school faith lead, students are engaged in faith-based learning opportunities.



Liturgy:

Liturgies and Celebrations are planned and led by different grade-level teams throughout the year.

- † Sept: Welcome Back Mass at St. Albert Parish
- † Oct: Thanksgiving Celebration
- † Nov: Remembrance Day Service and Catholic Education Sunday
- † Dec: Advent Mass
- † Feb: Ash Wednesday Celebration
- † Sacrament of Reconciliation/Blessing
- † Adoration and staff mass
- † Holy Thursday and Good Friday reenactment
- † Apr: New Life Mass Living Rosary at St. Albert Parish
- † May: Living Rosary
- † June: End of Year Celebration

Permeation:

- Food Bank
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- School-wide 7 Grandfather teachings
- Student-led morning prayer
- Catholic Social Services
- Toonies for Turkeys
- Student and staff retreats
- School Faith Lead
- BKAT Lunches
- Patrol, Student Council, volunteer opportunities
- Celebrating/recognizing those students who have completed their sacraments through the parish


Service (Corporal Acts of Mercy):

- ☩ Terry Fox Run
- ☩ Poppy Sales
- ☩ Angel Families
- ☩ Building connections with local seniors to combat loneliness
- ☩ Nourish the BobKats
- ☩ Partnership with St. Vincent de Paul
- ☩ Catholic Social Services
- ☩ St. Albert Food Bank

Safe and Caring Schools

Student Safety:

Bertha Kennedy scores excellently on the Safe and Caring Alberta School Education Assurance Measure Survey. This year, 94% of students, parents, and staff reported feeling safe and well cared for. This is an increase from the previous year and is nearly 7% higher than the provincial average.



Inclusive Learning:

Bertha Kennedy is an inclusive school. We use formative and diagnostic assessments to guide our instruction and are committed to differentiation so that all students can reach their full learning potential. Our Diverse Learning team is active in classrooms to meet the needs of all students. We provide equitable access to technology, differentiated lessons, hands-on learning, and positive behaviour support. Staff are committed to continued learning by incorporating Practice Progressions and Concept-Based Learning in all of their lessons.

Zones of Regulation and Incredible Flexible You Programs continue to promote student awareness of emotional regulation. Our BKATS motto promotes a positive school climate.

Foundational Knowledge of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit:

- School-Wide Learning Initiative on the 7 Sacred Teachings
- Wahkohtowin club for all students
- Peace Garden Smudging
- Truth and Reconciliation Liturgy
- Buffalo Trails field trip - grade 2 and 5
- Indigenous ways of knowing and being weaved through daily activities
- Indigenous games day

Citizenship:

At Bertha Kennedy, we provide a safe and caring environment for our students to learn and play effectively. We strive to be the best “BobKATS” that we can be through our positive behaviour support program. This program teaches students to treat each other respectfully, with kindness, and to help each other when they can through the following acronym:


B - Believe
K - Kindness
A - Attitude
T - Teamwork
S - Safety

Engaged Learning

Student Engagement:

BK has many opportunities for student engagement. 94% of our students believe that BK is a great place to be. Amongst the amazing day-to-day opportunities in music, Phys. Ed, art, and FSL, we have many clubs students can choose from:

- Running Club
- Yoga Club
- Art Club
- Wahkohtowin Club
- Gardening Club
- Biking Club
- Patrol
- Healthy BobKat Leadership Team
- RunWild
- Board Game Club



Parent Involvement:

94% of our parents feel satisfied with the opportunity to provide their voice to decisions made for their child's education. At BK, we value the relationship with all stakeholders of our school community. Parents are the backbone of our student's success at school, and it is important to include them in all aspects:

- School Council
- Friends of BK
- Classroom volunteers
- Field Trip Volunteers
- Assemblies
- Liturgies/Masses
- School-wide family events
- School committees

Communication is key to ensuring parents can be involved in their child's school life: weekly newsletters, classroom correspondence, PowerSchool instant reporting, Google Classroom, SeeSaw app, and more.

School Improvement:

This is an area where BK has seen a lot of growth, with a significant improvement overall.

- 100% of Teachers** agree that students have opportunities that support engagement in school.
- 99% of Students** agree that they have opportunities that support engagement in school.
- 94% of Parents** are confident that BK is a good school.