

**If your child was
born in 2020,
it's time to Register
for Kindergarten!**

Visit the link below for more info for
September 2025 registration
www.prn.bc.ca/register-for-school/



**Register by
May 1**



School District 60 - Peace River North
www.prn.bc.ca

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Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)

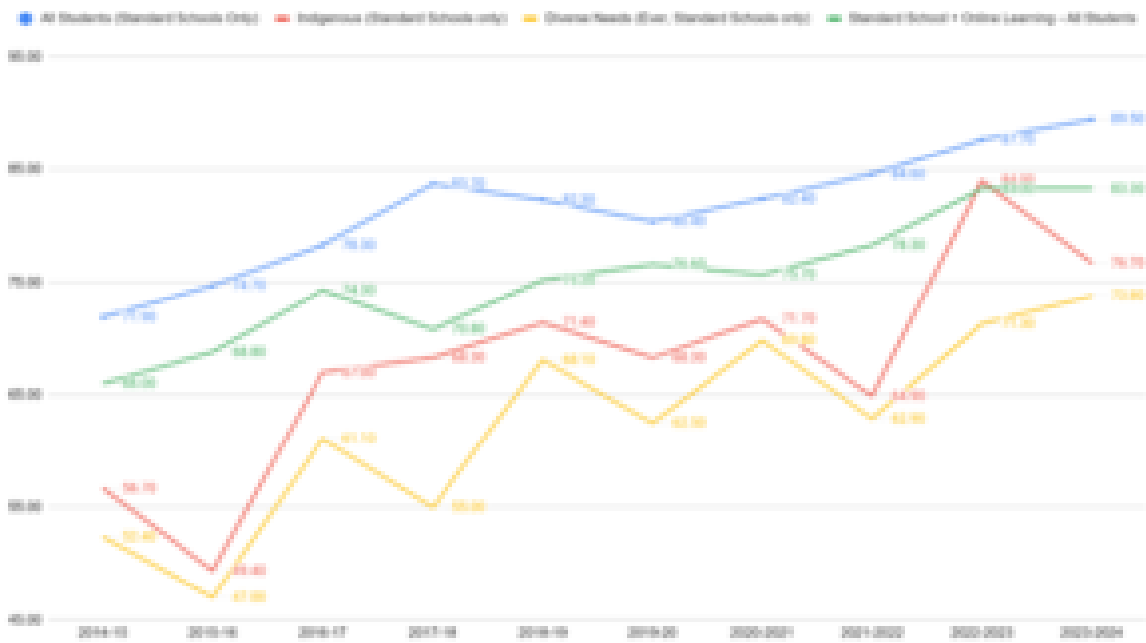
** click [here](#) to see the full Framework Plan

Student Learning - Intellectual Development

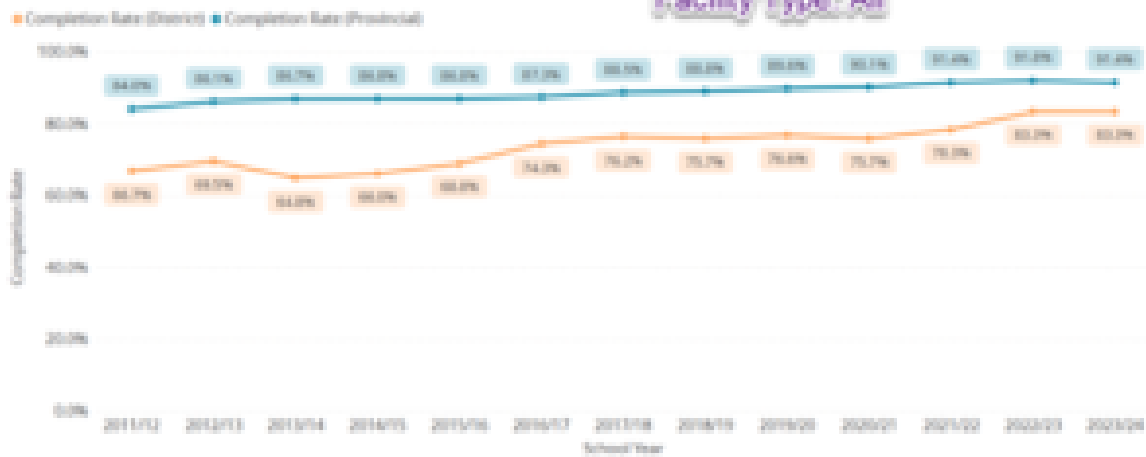
At this time of year, the Board of Trustees, senior staff and other stakeholder groups review learning evidence from the past year to confirm and/or adjust our plans embedded in the District [Framework for Enhancing Student Learning](#). As a reminder, all the individual school plans can also be found [here](#).

Below are a couple of examples of six-year graduation rates in our SD60 over the past ten years

Six-Year Completion Rate - SD60 - 2014-2015 to 2023-2024



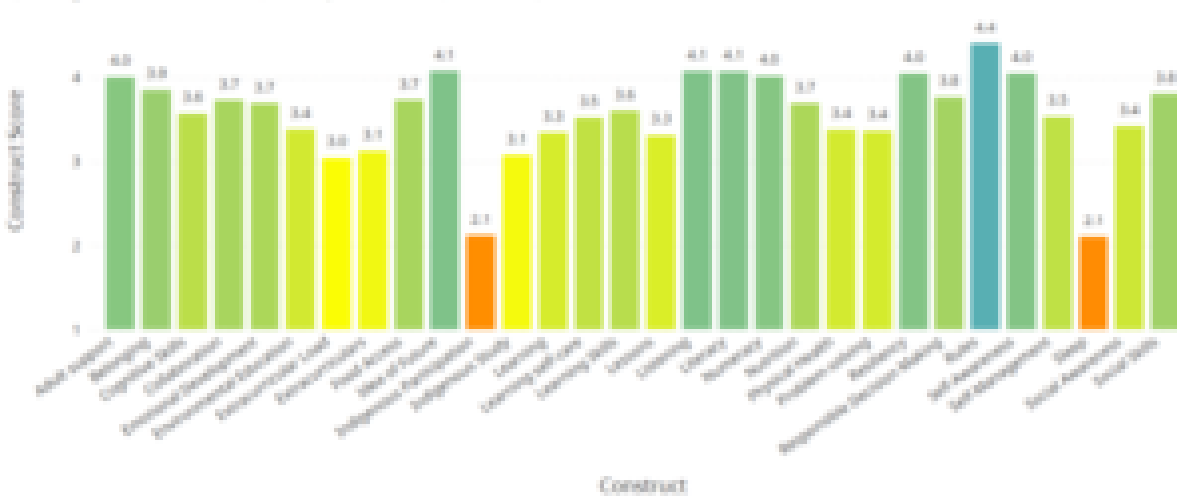
6 Year - Completion Rate



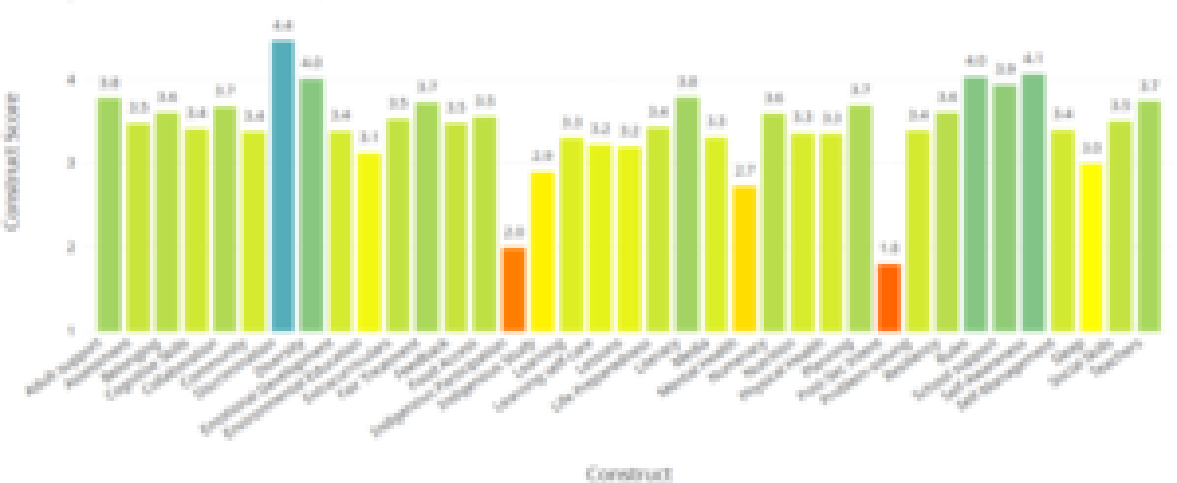
Student Learning - Human & Social Development

One of the ways we incorporate student voice into our data analysis is through the [Student Learning Survey](#). Below is an example of a grade 4 set of input and a grade 10 set of input. Background information on each area and question can be found in the link above.

2023/2024 Student Learning Survey - Construct Score
(060 - Peace River North, Multiple Schools, Grade 4)



2023/2024 Student Learning Survey - Construct Score
(060 - Peace River North, Multiple Schools, Grade 10)



February: Black History Month

We are proud to promote and support Black History Month in SD60. Administration and union stakeholders put out the following statement to staff at the beginning of February:

“The Peace River North Teachers’ Association (PRNTA), The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 4653), and School District 60 Administration are committed to an inclusive and safe environment for students and staff. We will respond thoroughly to all incidents of racism and provide ongoing anti-racism learning opportunities for all students and colleagues.”

We will profile some examples of Black History Month activities from around the District in the March report. In the meantime, here are some links to great resources and links - A special thanks to Principal Kathy Scheck for putting this together.

[Resources on Anti-Racism](#)

Student Learning - Career & Skill Development



Mind Over Metal Camp Inspires Future Tradespeople at Bert Bowes

Local Grade 9 Indigenous students recently took part in the **Mind Over Metal Camp**, a specialized welding camp aimed at introducing youth to careers in the skilled trades. Hosted by the **CWB Foundation** and sponsored by **Pembina**, the camp provided hands-on training, mentorship, and career exploration opportunities for students transitioning into high school.

Held at North Peace Secondary **School**, the camp focused on engaging Indigenous youth in practical welding skills while fostering interest in trades-related career paths. **Cash Brinkworth** from **Clean Arrow Energy** was a guest speaker, sharing insights on career pathways and opportunities in the energy sector, highlighting the growing demand for skilled workers in the industry.

“This camp is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain real-world experience and explore a future in trades,” said Brian Campbell, District Principal. “By connecting them with industry professionals and providing hands-on learning, we hope to inspire the next generation of skilled workers.”

The **Mind Over Metal Camp** serves as an important transition program, equipping students with valuable skills and confidence as they prepare for high school and beyond. Through partnerships with industry leaders like Pembina and Clean Arrow Energy, the camp continues to provide meaningful experiences that empower Indigenous youth in their educational and career journeys.

For more information about **Mind Over Metal Camps**, visit <https://www.cwbweldingfoundation.org/programs/mind-over-metal-camp-youth/>



Mind Over Metal

Introduce

Youth-to-skilled trades careers.

Develop

Practical skills in welding safety.

Challenge

Perceptions about welding careers.

Foster

Teamwork and confidence.

Transition

Help students transition from Middle to High School

Create

Growth mindset and help students learn new skills



Cameron Lake Education Centre

Please see the attached newsletter and update on our outdoor education site. Our facilitator, Lorene Hamre, continues to upgrade the facility and develop experiential learning units for teacher use and visits.

School booking information can be found [here](#).

We are very grateful for the generous donation from Tourmaline to complete our picnic shelter over the firepit:



People Development

The Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders (POPARD) continues to offer courses to teachers who can sign up [here](#).

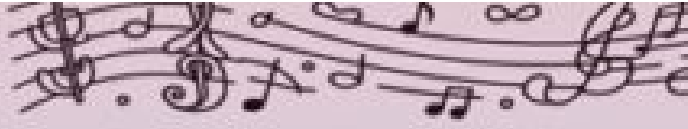
Supporting Students with ASD in Your Classroom: an Online Course for Teachers (12-week online course)

Topics include the basics of ASD, understanding and changing behaviour, inclusion, structure, social and communication skills, executive functions, and much more!

This course is offered in a flexible format to meet the needs of working teachers. It consists of a combination of interactive on-demand sessions (completed within a participant's own schedule) and live online sessions (at set times). The course will culminate with a capstone project applied to the participant's own school setting, which requires synthesizing and demonstrating what has been learned. By the end of this course, participants will be equipped with knowledge and tools to support this diverse population in their classrooms.

[Teacher Course](#)

Elementary Teacher Music Workshop Offered on the January 31 NID



Elementary Teacher Music Workshop


Are You an Elementary teacher who wants help teaching music? This workshop is for you!

Join Cathy Cohen and Sabrina Brooks.
Cathy's background is in elementary music education with programs at Upper Pine, Charlie Lake, Central, Anne Roberts Young, Alvin Holland, and Blaine Crain Schools.
Sabrina has taught elementary programs at Central and MA Murray, mentoring other schools, Gr 4 band, senior band and currently middle school band.

What to expect?
- Intro to color coded music even Kindergartens can do but still fun for Gr 8
-Links to online resources for percussion play along
-online links to primary and intermediate movement songs and dance components especially around the world
-walk through of SD-SD music resource already at your school- Music Play-how to teach beat, rhythm, soundscapes, intro to folk response to classical music
-We can spend time with recorder/ukulele resources too if interest

Where : Ma Murray School Music room
(by the daycare entrance)
When : January 31 (pro-d day) 9-2:30

Come and join us for a fun hands on day of music!



Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training for PVPs on January 31st.

Most of our school administrators took part in CPI training on the January 31st Non-Instructional Day.

This is training to learn de-escalation strategies for behaviour issues in schools.

Truth & Reconciliation

Equity Scan Parent Meeting

On January 16th, parents, students, district staff, and trustees attended a wrap-up dinner meeting for the Equity Scan.



While the attendance was limited, it was great to reconnect with some families and review the goals of the plan.

“Take 3”

Taylor Elementary

Curling Lessons

Taylor Elementary students in Grades 4-6 are participating in free curling lessons provided by the Taylor Curling Club in February and March.



Thanks to all the amazing curling club volunteers that are sharing their skills with our

students.



Students are looking forward to a mini-bonspiel and a lunch provided by the curling club on our last session on Monday, March 10th.

Nancy Maxfield, Principal, Taylor Elementary

North Peace Secondary - Blind Date with a Book



Library

Blind Date With A Book



You shouldn't always judge a book by its cover. Put your trust in fate and choose a book - you might just fall in love!

The fifth annual Blind Date with a Book will be taking place in the library from **February 12-14**. Pop in and sign out a mystery book!

How to Date:

Several books are wrapped in brown paper and decorated for Valentine's Day. Read the description and/or quote on the wrapped books. - You will not be able to see the title or the author...this is Blind Date With a Book after all!

Check out a book and get a small gift! Unwrap the book and read - -Enjoy! Inside the front cover is a "Rate Your Date" slip where you can rate the book. Bring back that slip and get entered into a draw! There will be some grand prizes and regular prizes to win.

The **draw will take place on March 14** - the Friday before Spring Break, giving you plenty of time to read your book!





North Peace Secondary - FarmBot



Exciting News: FarmBot is Coming to Our School!

After months of hard work and collaboration between Mr. Lynn's Entrepreneurship 12 class and Ms. Imray's Environmental Science 12 class, we are thrilled to announce the purchase—and soon the setup—of our very own FarmBot!

This innovative project will involve many teachers as we establish a garden to grow fresh food and beautiful flowers for use within our school community. The possibilities for cross-curricular learning are endless, and we can't wait to see the amazing things this project will inspire.

A special thank you to Mr. Koponyas for listening to our ideas, supporting our students' vision, and taking a chance on this exciting initiative. We're looking forward to what's to come!

Krista Peregoodoff, Vice-Principal, North Peace Secondary School