

# 2014–2015 Nova Scotia Assessment

## Reading and Mathematics in Grade 8



### About the Assessment

Grade 8 students wrote this assessment in June 2015. The assessment required two 45-minute periods and two 90-minute periods spread over four days. For the reading portion of the assessment, students read different types of texts and answered questions about what they read. For the mathematics portion, students answered questions in each of the mathematics strands (number and operations, patterns and relations, measurement, geometry, and statistics and probability). Writing was not assessed in Grade 8 in 2014–15.

Nova Scotia teachers work with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to develop this assessment and to set the assessment expectation. The expectation is what students should know and be able to do on their own at the end of grade 8. All of the items and texts on the assessment are aligned with selected reading and mathematics outcomes in the curriculum up to grade 8.

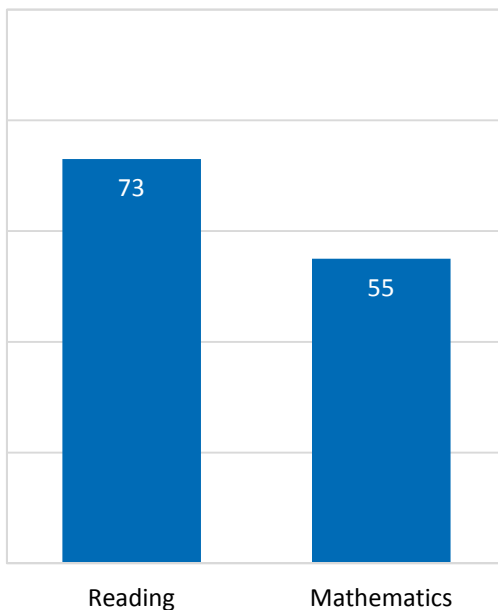
The assessment results provide:

- teachers with information to inform instructional planning;
- parents and guardians with information on their child's performance;
- the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and school boards with information to inform educational decisions.

These results should be used in combination with other reliable measures of school and classroom achievement. For more information about the assessment, visit <https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/grade8>.

### Provincial Results

Percentage of students at or above the assessment expectation



### Did you know?

Nova Scotia Assessments and Examinations are developed and scored in Nova Scotia by our teachers working with department staff.

Students write Nova Scotia Assessments in grade 3, grade 4, grade 6, and grade 8.

Samples of reading and mathematics questions can be found on our website.

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*Lessons Learned* documents support teachers and administrators in using the information from this assessment to inform next steps.

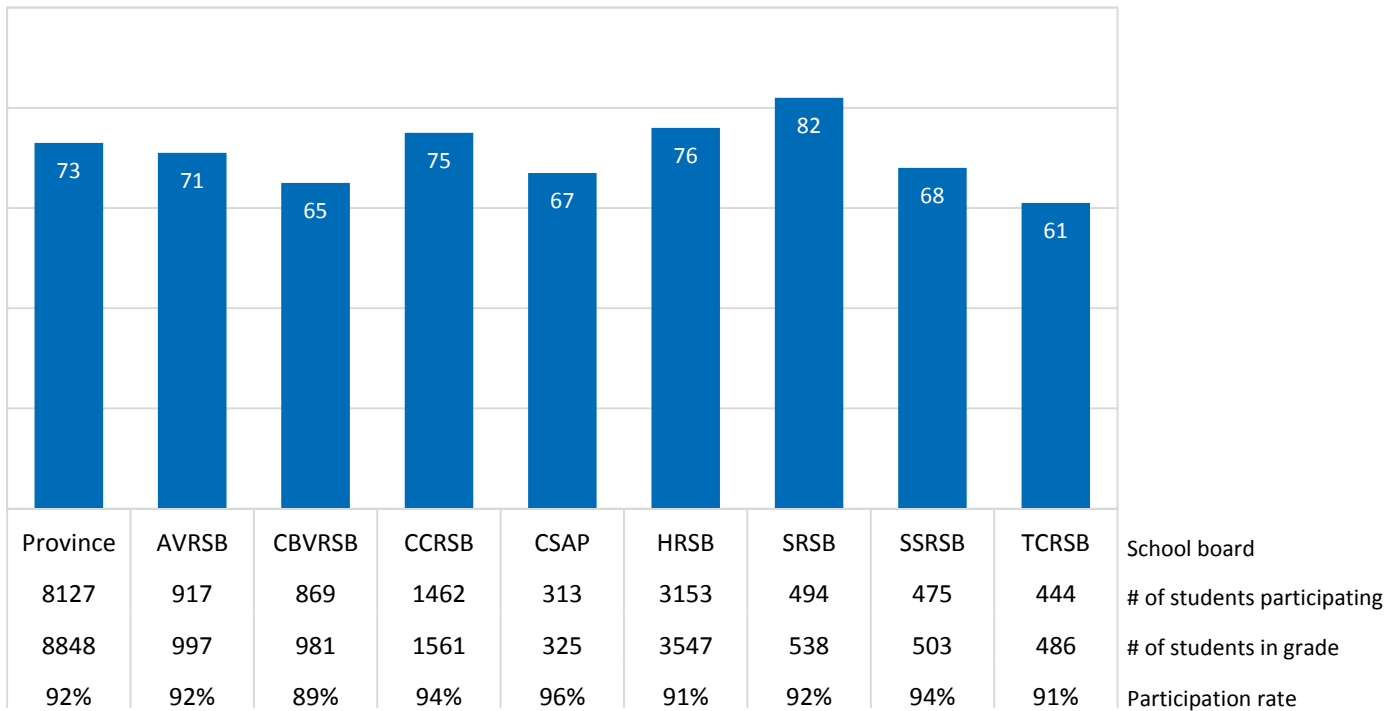
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Assessment results do not affect report card grades or decisions about promotion or retention.

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### Reading

Percentage of students at or above the assessment expectation (province and school boards)



### Mathematics

Percentage of students at or above the assessment expectation (province and school boards)

