

2015–2016 Nova Scotia Assessment

Reading and Writing in Grade 3



About the Assessment

Grade 3 students wrote this assessment in September/October 2015. The assessment required two 90-minute periods (including scheduled breaks) over two days. For the reading portion of the assessment, students read different types of texts and answered questions about what they read. They also completed two writing tasks.

Nova Scotia teachers work with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to develop this assessment, to score the writing tasks, and to set the assessment expectation. The expectation is what students should know and be able to do on their own at the beginning of grade 3. All of the items and texts on the assessment are aligned with selected reading and writing outcomes in the elementary curriculum up to grade 2.

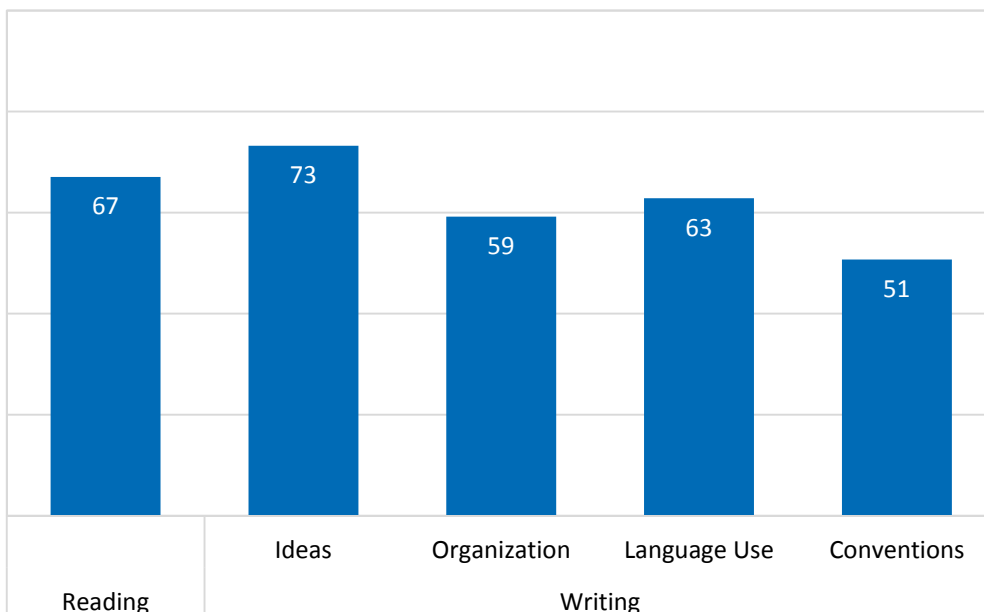
The 2015–16 assessment results will form the baseline for Nova Scotia's Action Plan for Education 2015 (<http://www.ednet.ns.ca/education-actionplan>). The results will also provide:

- 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/grade3>.

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 questions and writing tasks can be found on our website.

<https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/grade3/documents>

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

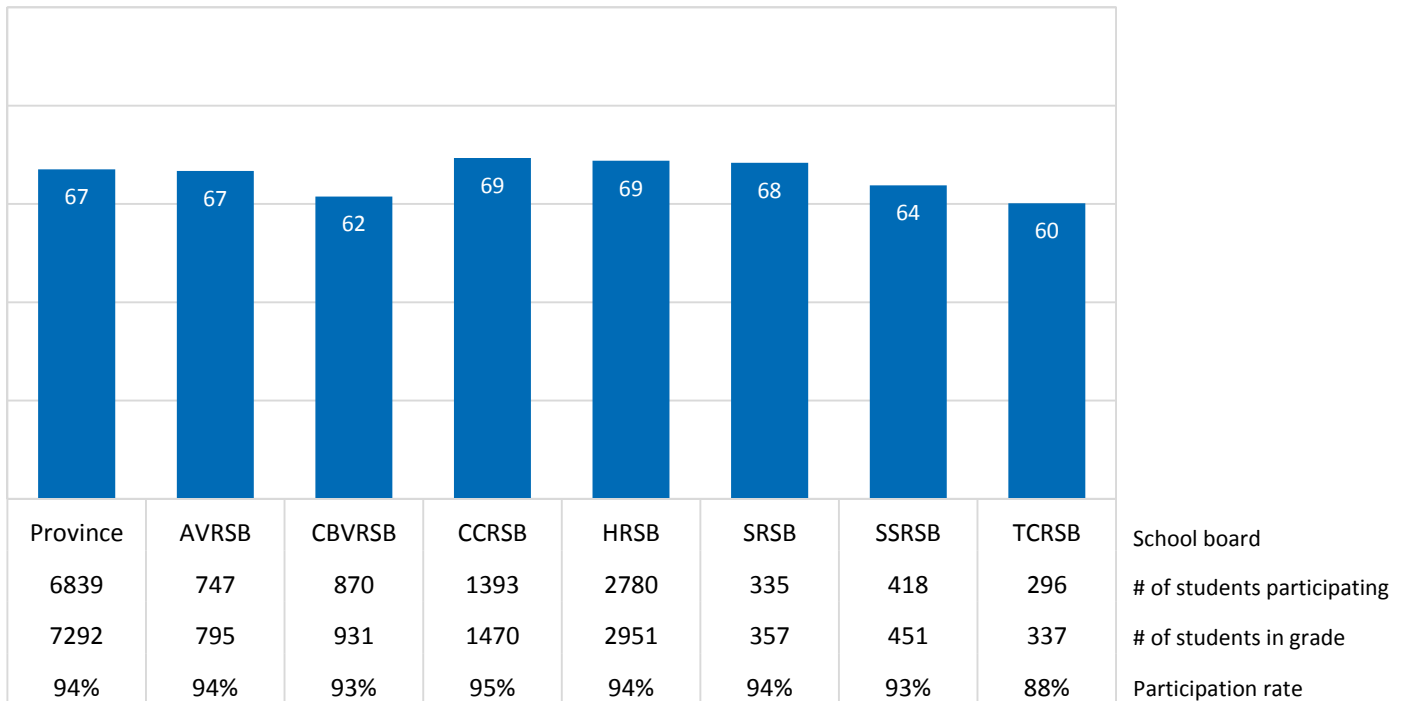
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Assessment results do not affect report card grades or decisions about promotion or retention.

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Reading

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



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Writing

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

