

# Empowering students for success on Nova Scotia Assessments

Schools will ensure students experience...

## Ongoing



- quality teaching and learning, including daily reading, writing and mathematics lessons, with embedded opportunities to work independently.
- a positive and relaxed learning environment.

## The month before administration



- reassurance about the assessment and its purpose (e.g., assessment results help teachers and schools support student learning).
- reassurance that everything they have been learning in school has prepared them for the assessment.

## 1-2 weeks before administration



- the assessment question formats by participating in mini lessons as outlined in the Sample Questions Instructions document.
- opportunities to discuss and share thinking strategies involved in responding to questions.

## During the administration



- a calm and supportive environment (consider incorporating well-being strategies such as physical activity, relaxation techniques, healthy snacks).
- a consistent administration where all protocols and scripts are followed per the Administration Guide.