

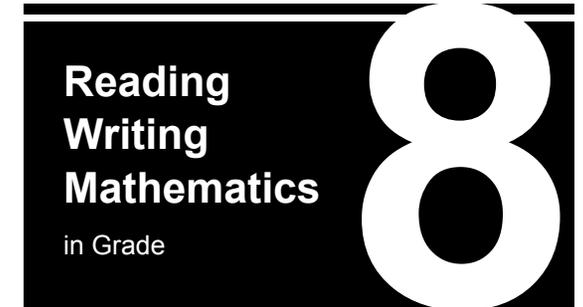
What do the assessment results mean for my child?

The assessment results provide information about your child's performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. These results are used by teachers, together with classroom assessment information, to inform instructional decisions that are best suited to your child.

Where can I find more information about this assessment?

Please visit the Student Assessment and Evaluation website: plans.ednet.ns.ca.

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Nova Scotia Assessment



Information for
Parents and Guardians



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What is the purpose of this assessment?

This assessment will gather information about individual student performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. The results will 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

Who participates in this assessment?

Grade 8 English and French immersion program students enrolled in Nova Scotia public schools participate in this assessment. French immersion students write the mathematics portion of the assessment in French. Students with an Individual Program Plan (IPP) in English language arts or mathematics may participate in the subject area(s) of their IPP if the Program Planning Team determines this would be appropriate.

When is this assessment administered?

The assessment will be administered on four days between May 23 and June 3, 2016, for 90 minutes each morning.

What is included in the Reading and Writing sections of this assessment?

Students will independently read and answer comprehension questions about information texts, narrative texts, poetry, and visual media texts. Students will also independently complete two writing tasks.

What is included in the Mathematics sections of this assessment?

Students will complete questions involving number, patterns and relations, measurement, geometry, and statistics and probability. Computation, estimation, and problem-solving skills are embedded within the assessment.

How can I help my child prepare for this assessment?

No special preparation is necessary. A positive, relaxed attitude will help your child do their best. What your child has been learning in school has been preparing them for the assessment.

Who designs and scores this assessment?

Nova Scotia Assessments are developed by the Student Assessment and Evaluation division of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in consultation with teachers in Nova Scotia.

Student writing tasks will be scored by teachers at marking sessions led by Student Assessment and Evaluation. Selected response items (where the student chooses a response from multiple options) will be scored electronically at the department.

How will the assessment results be shared with parents and guardians?

Individual student assessment reports will be made available on PowerSchool to schools and then shared with parents and guardians. School board and provincial results will be published on the Student Assessment and Evaluation website at plans.ednet.ns.ca/results.