

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 for the Teacher* 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 *Nova Scotia Assessment Handbook*.
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