

## Reading, Writing and Mathematics in Grade 8: Key Dates & Resources

The Nova Scotia Assessment: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics/*Mathématiques* in Grade 8 (RWM8) will be administered on four mornings in May and June. Students in the French Immersion program write the *Mathématiques* component of the assessment in French.

### New in 2024–25:

- The new RWM8 Assessment Handbook replaces Checklists, Information Guide, and Administration Guide.
- All materials needed for administration will be mailed to schools in one package instead of two.

Resources for administration will be printed and sent to schools and are also available on the Program of Learning Assessments for Nova Scotia website [plans.ednet.ns.ca/grade8/documents](https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/grade8/documents):

- **RWM8 Assessment Handbook** – all information needed to prepare for and administer the assessment.
- **RWM8 Sample Questions** – to familiarize students with assessment question formats.
- **Parent/Guardian Information Sheets** – to introduce the purpose, timing, and content of the assessment.

### Important Dates

March 1–April 1



Resource  
Teacher,  
Administrator

- Request Alternate Formats in TIENET for eligible students.
  - Finalize this document in TIENET by April 1.
  - User guide: [ednet.ns.ca/inschool](https://ednet.ns.ca/inschool).
  - For more information, see RWM8 Assessment Handbook, p. 11.

March 1–May 1



Teacher

- Register eligible students for the Nova Scotia Assessment – Read-aloud (NSA-RA) platform by May 1.
  - Registration form: [plans.ednet.ns.ca/content/school-registration](https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/content/school-registration).
  - For more information, see RWM8 Assessment Handbook, p. 33.

April 22–30



School  
Assessment  
Coordinator

- Receive and verify contents of school packages through Canada Post.
  - If packages have not arrived, check with your local Canada Post outlet then contact Student Assessment at 902.424.7746 or [plans@novascotia.ca](mailto:plans@novascotia.ca).
  - Canada Post: 1.888.550.6333

Teacher,  
Administrator,  
School  
Assessment  
Coordinator

- Become familiar with the schedules, procedures, and scripts outlined in the RWM8 Assessment Handbook.

May 5–16



Teacher

- Administer Sample Questions mini-lessons.
- Distribute Parent/Guardian Information Sheets to students.

May 1–25



Teachers and  
Administrators

- If interested, submit an Expression of Interest to participate in the Writing in Grade 8 Scoring Session (online) at [plans.ednet.ns.ca/professional-opportunities](https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/professional-opportunities).

May 20–June 3



Teacher

- Administer Reading, Writing, and Mathematics/*Mathématiques* in Grade 8 (RWM8-EN/IM).

School  
Assessment  
Coordinator

- Mail packages by June 3 to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD).

July 14–18



Provincial  
Staff and  
Teachers

- Scoring Session: Writing in Grade 8 (online)
  - Table Leader Training: July 14 & 15
  - Scoring: July 16, 17 & 18