

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 in May and June. Students in the French Immersion program write the *Mathématiques* component of the assessment in French.








New in 2025–26: Grade 8 provincial assessments will be administered through an online platform.

The assessment is divided into shorter parts to give schools scheduling flexibility. Classes may write at different times, in the morning or afternoon. Classes may write during their regular ELA or Mathematics class period.

Resources for administration will be printed and sent to schools and will also be available mid-April on the Program of Learning Assessments for Nova Scotia website plans.ednet.ns.ca/grade8/documents:

- **RWM8 Assessment Handbook** – information needed to prepare for and administer the assessment.
- **Administrator and Teacher Quick-Start Guides** – technical information for the online assessment platform.
- **RWM8 Sample Assessment Teacher Instructions** – information needed to administer the mandatory sample assessments which familiarize students with the online platform and question formats.
- **Provincial Assessments in Grade 8 flyer** – information about the assessment for families and guardians.

Important Dates

March 1–April 1 	Resource Teachers, Administrators	Request paper-based Alternate Formats for eligible students by emailing plans@novascotia.ca by April 1.
April 20–24 	Administrator or delegate	Receive and verify contents of school packages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If packages have not arrived, check with your local Canada Post outlet; then contact Student Assessment at 902.424.7746 or plans@novascotia.ca. • Canada Post: 1.888.550.6333
	Administrators, Teachers	Become familiar with the schedules, procedures, and scripts outlined in the RWM8 Assessment Handbook and the Quick-Start Guides for teachers and administrators.
April 20–30 	Administrators, Teachers	Within the online assessment platform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete technical readiness checklist. • manage class sections/groupings. • verify and setup adaptations and participation status.
May 1–15 	Teachers	Administer each Sample Assessment (Reading & Writing and Mathematics/ <i>Mathématiques</i>) over one or two class periods using the online platform. Distribute the Provincial Assessments in Grade 8 flyer to students to take home to their families/guardians.
May 1–25 	Teachers, Administrators, Regional Staff	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 .
May 19–June 9 	Teachers	Administer main assessment (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics/ <i>Mathématiques</i> in Grade 8) using the online platform. Administer 1–2 parts per day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading & Writing: 4 parts, 45 minutes each • Mathematics/<i>Mathématiques</i>: 4 parts, 30 minutes each
	School Assessment Coordinator	If applicable, mail alternate format packages by June 9 to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD).
July 20–31 	Provincial Staff and Teachers	Scoring Session: Writing in Grade 8 New for 2025–2026, the session will consist of self-paced training and scoring within these dates.