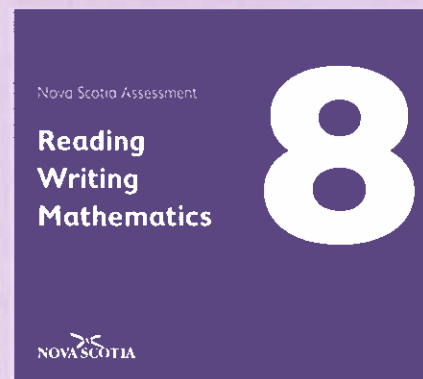


# Provincial Assessments in Grade 8

This spring, your child's class will participate in the grade 8 provincial assessment, which helps us understand how students are doing in **reading, writing, and mathematics**. Students complete the assessment online using school devices.

- Families will receive their child's performance report in the fall.
- Teachers use the information to plan instruction and support student learning.
- Schools, regional centres for education, and the province use the results to guide decisions and provide support where needed.



The **Reading and Writing** portion of the assessment consists of four parts, each about 45 minutes.

Students will independently read different types of texts (narrative, information, poetry, and visual media) and answer questions. They will also complete two writing activities.

The **Mathematics** portion of the assessment consists of four parts, each about 30 minutes.

Students will independently answer questions about different math topics: number, patterns and relations, measurement, geometry, and statistics and probability.

## When?

The assessment takes place in late May or early June. Most students will participate during their language arts and mathematics class periods. Your child's school will set the exact schedule.

**French Immersion** students complete reading and writing in English and mathematics in French.

Most **adaptations** (such as extra time or read-aloud) can be used. Students with an **Individual Program Plan (IPP)** may participate if agreed upon by their student planning team, which includes parents and guardians.

## How can I help my child prepare?

What your child has learned in school will prepare them; no special preparation is needed. It is important they feel rested and relaxed to do their best. The assessment will not affect your child's grades.



**Nova Scotia teachers**, with help from provincial education staff, create the assessments.

Writing tasks are scored by Nova Scotia teachers during a session led by provincial education staff. Multiple-choice questions are scored by computer.



Families are encouraged to contact their child's teacher or principal if they have questions.

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