



Information for Parents and Guardians

What is the Elementary Literacy Assessment?

Each May, Grade 6 students from across the Island take part in the same common assessment of reading and writing skills. Common assessments measure the knowledge and skills of all students at a certain grade level.

The Elementary Literacy Assessment measures what your child has learned over the years, and not just in Grade 6. It is based on the provincial curriculum. The assessment is developed by Island teachers with the support of the Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture. It will be scored by teachers from across the province.

All Grade 6 students will take the full assessment. The reading and writing assessment will be held within a two week time frame from May 13th to May 24th, 2019.

Some students with special needs will not participate.

Why is the assessment important?

It is very important that children are reading well by the end of Grade 6 before going on to the intermediate grades. Literacy skills are the foundation skills for all learning. If a child is struggling with the reading and writing process in Grade 6, he or she will be more challenged later to learn content and to keep up with peers.

Recognizing that all students progress at their own level and have different learning needs, our schools have many resources to help children develop strong literacy skills.

The results of this provincial assessment tell us how well all students are doing from year to year. They also help us to improve teaching and develop new programs.

How can parents help?

No special study is needed for the assessment. Parents can help children do their best by ensuring they are well rested, eat breakfast, and have a positive attitude. You will receive your child's results in the fall from your child's teacher. You are encouraged to talk to your child's teacher about how well your child is reading and writing, and about the many ways that you can support your child's literacy at home.

To obtain sample questions or more information on the assessment, contact your child's teacher, the Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture (902-438-4887) or visit the website.

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