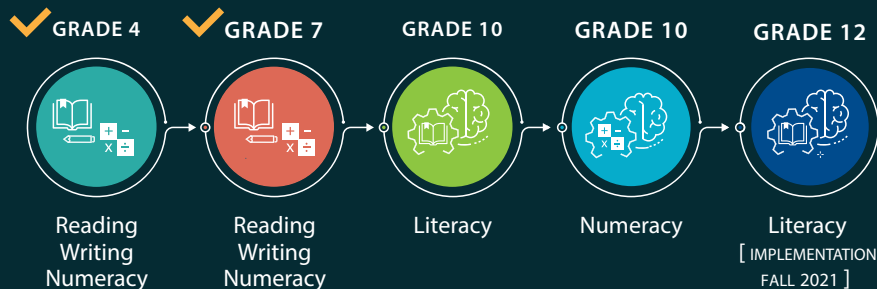


FSA- Foundation Skills Assessment

CAREGIVER INFORMATION

What is the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)?

The FSA is a set of interactive exercises designed by teachers and education experts that reliably indicates how your child is doing in literacy (understanding and communicating with language) and numeracy (understanding and working with numbers).



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How is the FSA conducted in schools?

- All Grade 4 and 7 students in BC are required to complete the FSA in their own classrooms, under the supervision of their classroom teacher.
- The FSA will take your child about 4½ hours to complete and is engaging and interactive.
- Your child may be excused from writing the FSA in the event of extenuating circumstances (e.g. illness or family emergency etc.)
- Your child will also be asked what their experience of writing the FSA is like.



What are the results of the FSA used for?

- Results are provided to you, your child, teachers, and the Ministry to ensure BC is providing high quality education to all of its students.
- Results ensure that no students are left behind in BC, regardless of their background.
- The FSA does not contribute to your child's report card and is not used to rank students, teachers, schools or districts.



Why do all students in BC write the FSA?

- The FSA is designed to indicate how your child and all students in British Columbia are doing in literacy and numeracy.
- The FSA ensures you, your child and your child's teachers and educators have early information on your child's achievement and can respond appropriately to shape learning over the school year.



What are the benefits of the FSA?

For Students and Parents

- You and your child will have an understanding of how your child is doing and what areas may need support.
- Assessment results help shape the support needed to meet the unique needs of every student.

For Teachers

- Your child's teacher will have confirmation of how your child is doing and what supports they may need.

For The Ministry of Education

- Your government will have information about how to improve and deliver high quality education for all students in British Columbia.



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