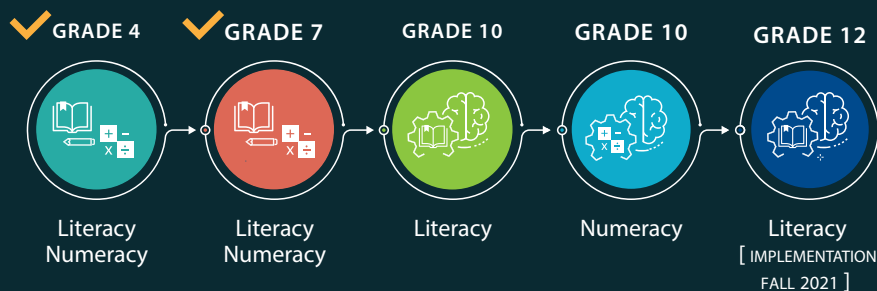


# FSA- Foundation Skills Assessment

## 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 B.C. are required to complete the FSA in their own classrooms, under the supervision of their classroom teacher or school administrator.
- The FSA will take your child about 3.75 hours to complete over a few days during a six week period. The assessment includes online and written questions, a group activity and a reflection exercise.
- Your school principal may excuse your child from writing the FSA if they are not yet proficient in English, if they have an identified cognitive disability, or in the event of extenuating circumstances (e.g. extended illness or family emergency etc.).



## What are the results of the FSA used for?

- Results are provided to you, your child, teachers, and the Ministry to ensure B.C. is providing high quality education to all of its students.
- Results ensure that no students are left behind in B.C., 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 B.C. 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, parents and caregivers

- 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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