

Information Bulletin for Parents and Guardians

Grade 8 Provincial Assessment

The Grade 8 assessment is part of New Brunswick's Provincial Assessment Program. The assessment will be completed between April 19 – May 11, 2022. Information from this assessment is used for tracking the progress of the public education system in relation to provincial curricular standards.

What is included in the Grade 8 assessment this year?

All students will be assessed on Scientific Literacy.



The assessment also includes a short survey about learning French.

Students are given 60-120 minutes for each subject.

The assessment is made up of selected-response items that relate to New Brunswick curricular outcomes.

Students may opt to read and answer in English or French.

How is the assessment completed?

Students record their responses to selected-response items in an online assessment platform.

This will be the first year the Grade 8 assessment is administered online. Some schools will be selected to continue using paper booklets so that test item performance can be compared in both modes (on paper vs. online).

What results are available from the Grade 8 assessment?

Results are reported publicly by school, district, and province and are used to inform decisions at all three levels. Results will be available in the fall of 2022. Individual student reports are not part of the reporting for this assessment.



Do all Grade 8 students take part in the assessment?

This assessment is intended to be as inclusive as possible. Barring exceptional circumstances, all Grade 8 students participate except those whose *Personalized Learning Plan* indicates they should be exempted. A variety of accommodations are available to all students for this assessment. Dyslexia font, adjustable font size, and various background colour options are available as part of the online platform. Text to speech is also available for all students completing the scientific literacy component online. In addition, specialized accommodations can be requested for students with documented requirements in their *Personalize Learning Plans*. This may include a request for a paper assessment booklet if needed.

