

Information Bulletin for Parents and Guardians

Grade 8 Provincial Assessment

The Grade 8 assessments are part of New Brunswick's Provincial Assessment Program. The assessments will be completed between April 24 – May 19, 2023. Information from these assessments is used for tracking the progress of the public education system in relation to provincial curricular standards.

What is included in the Grade 8 assessments this year?



All students will be assessed on Scientific Literacy.

A Numeracy assessment is under development this year.

The assessments also include a short survey about learning French.

Students are given 60-120 minutes for the Scientific Literacy assessment.

The assessments are 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.

What results are available from the Grade 8 assessments?



Results are reported publicly by school, district, and province and are used to inform decisions at all three levels. Results for the Scientific Literacy assessment will be available in the fall of 2023. Individual student reports are not part of the reporting for this assessment.

Do all Grade 8 students take part in the assessment?

These assessments are 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 these assessments. 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. In addition, specialized accommodations can be requested for students with documented requirements in their *Personalized Learning Plans*. This may include a request for a paper assessment booklet if needed.

