

Saskatchewan Student Assessment

Spring 2026 Field Test

Principals and Teachers:

The new provincial assessment program that the Ministry of Education has been developing with education partners, will be field-tested this spring with students in Grades 5, 7 and 9.

Saskatchewan Student Assessment is part of Saskatchewan's Provincial Education Plan. Students, parents, teachers and the public have told us they want Saskatchewan students to:

- be **prepared** for success with the skills and knowledge they need for the future;
- be **supported** in their learning; and,
- have an education that is **globally recognized and valued**.

Saskatchewan Student Assessment will help us work together toward these goals.

The assessments are based entirely on Saskatchewan curriculum and have been developed with Saskatchewan teachers.

Assessments will be implemented in stages, beginning in the 2025-26 school year. Before each assessment is implemented, a "field test" will provide information about the quality of the questions and help teacher developers refine the assessment.

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
ELA 4		Field test	Operational	Operational
Math 5	Field test	Operational	Operational	Operational
ELA 7	Field test	Operational	Operational	Operational
Math 9	Field test	Operational	Operational	Operational
ELA 10		Pre-field test	Field test	Operational

Sask Student Assessment **will**:

- Be based on curriculum
- Help with understanding of grade-level expectations
- Be developed and validated by teachers

Sask Student Assessment **will NOT**:

- Require additional teaching
- Replace classroom assessment
- Be used to rank schools or teachers

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What is it?

Saskatchewan Student Assessment is a provincial assessment program that will provide a snapshot of results in core subject areas.

What is a field test?

A field test is intended to "test the test." In other words, the data collected from field tests is meant to ensure the assessment questions are valid, free from bias and effective in measuring students' understanding. No data is collected on student performance during field tests, which means that you will not receive students' results on this spring's field test. Nonetheless, it is important that students participate to the best of their ability.

Why is this being implemented?

Consistent, fair and objective measures of student achievement benefit everyone in the education system. In future years, the data will be used to identify strengths and areas of opportunity, from the level of the student to the entirety of the provincial education system.

Saskatchewan is currently the only province in Canada that does not have a provincial assessment program.

Who will write the Saskatchewan Student Assessment?

All students following the regular curriculum in publicly funded schools in Grades 5 and 9 will participate in a mathematics assessment and students in Grades 4, 7 and 10 will participate in an English language arts assessment.

Students will receive the same accommodations and support on the assessment as they are accustomed to in the classroom.

When will this be implemented?

Assessments will be implemented in stages, beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

- 2025-26 school year – field test in Grades 5 and 9 mathematics and Grade 7 English language arts (ELA).
- 2026-27 school year – implementation of Grades 5 and 9 mathematics and Grade 7 ELA assessments; field test of Grade 4 ELA; pre-field test of Grade 10 ELA.
- 2027-28 school year – full implementation of Grades 5 and 9 mathematics and Grades 4 and 7 ELA; field test of Grade 10 ELA.
- 2028-29 school year – full implementation of all provincial assessments

Will I receive the results from this assessment?

Once Saskatchewan Student Assessments are fully implemented, you will receive information on your students' achievements. The assessment results will also help you identify students' areas of strength and where they might need extra support.

Results from the assessments will be made available to the student, parent/caregiver, classroom teacher, the school and the school division.

The results of the assessments will provide information needed at the classroom, system and provincial levels to better respond to the learning needs of Saskatchewan students. They **will not** be used to rank teachers, schools or school systems.

How can I get involved?

Teacher participation is essential to the success of this program. There are many opportunities for teachers to be engaged, including developing, validating and scoring assessment questions and setting provincial standards of achievement. Your educational organization will share information with you about how you can become involved.

Where can I get more information?

As the partners in Saskatchewan education who work closest with students, we look forward to working with you to develop and implement an assessment program that will benefit you and your students. For more information, please see our website www.saskatchewan.ca/assessment.