

# New provincial assessment program for Saskatchewan students

## Parents and Caregivers:

The Ministry of Education is working with education partners on a new provincial assessment program for Saskatchewan students. This program is part of Saskatchewan's 2020-2030 Provincial Education Plan, developed in collaboration with education partners.

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.

## Saskatchewan Student Assessment

### What is it?

Saskatchewan Student Assessment is a provincial assessment program that will assess student learning in core subject areas.

### Which subject areas will be assessed?

- Grades 5 and 9 mathematics
- Grades 4, 7 and 10 English language arts

### Will my child have to do any extra preparation for the test?

The assessments will be developed with Saskatchewan teachers and based on the Saskatchewan curriculum students are already learning in class. Sample assessments will be available online for students and families to become familiar with the assessment platform and format.

A Leger poll from 2022 found that 92 per cent of parents in Saskatchewan and Manitoba support fair and objective student assessment.

### Will this affect students' grades?

Teachers may choose to use the assessments as part of students' grades as they are aligned with Saskatchewan curriculum.

### Why is this being implemented?

Consistent, fair and objective measures of student achievement benefit everyone in the education system.

The data will be used to identify strengths and areas of opportunity for students, teachers, schools and the province as a whole.

### 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.

### Will I receive the results from this assessment?

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

### Do other provinces have assessment programs?

Every province in Canada currently has a student assessment program.

Saskatchewan is the only province in Canada that does not have a provincial approach to measuring student achievement.

#### 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 and learning
- Replace classroom assessment

### Where can I get more information?

Please visit our website:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/assessment>.

### What is next?

As the program develops, we look forward to sharing more information with you about this exciting program that will benefit your child's learning experience.

More information will be shared as we get closer to spring 2026 when students will write the first assessments.