

Saskatchewan Student Assessment Spring 2026 Field Test

Parents and Caregivers:

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.

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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

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 your child’s results on this spring’s field test. Nonetheless, it is important that your student participate in the assessment to the best of their ability.

Spring 2026 Field Test

All students in **Grades 5 and 9 mathematics** and **Grade 7 English language arts** will write a field test in May-June, 2026.

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

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

Will this affect students' grades?

In the years following the field test, 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.

In future years, 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:

	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

Will I receive the results from this assessment?

Since the purpose of the field test is to “test the test,” results from the field test will not be shared. Once the assessments are operational, results from the assessments will be made available to the student, parent/caregiver, classroom teacher, the school and the school division.

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

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.

Where can I get more information?

Please visit our website:

www.saskatchewan.ca/assessment.