



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

September 24, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is an annual province-wide assessment in which all B.C. students in Grades 4 and 7 are expected to participate. This assessment provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy.

The FSA will be administered to all Grade 4 and 7 students between October 4, 2021 and November 12, 2021. In the Spring, parents will receive a report about their child's proficiency in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

The BC Ministry of Education Student Learning Assessment Order provides Boards of Education with the authority to require all students in Grade 4 and Grade 7 to complete the FSA. Very few students should be considered for exclusion from participating in the assessment. Students may be excused from writing the FSA if they meet criteria specified by the Ministry of Education. If you feel your child should be excused from writing the FSA, please contact your school principal to discuss the situation. The principal will be able to determine whether your child meets the criteria for exception.

For further information on this topic, including access to the BC Ministry of Education Student Learning Assessment Order and an Information for Parents Brochure, please refer to the Ministry of Education website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment>

or contact your school principal or the School Board Office.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kaardal
Superintendent of Schools/CEO