



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

September 21, 2023

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 and Child Care with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Literacy and Numeracy.

In addition, the District considers the FSA assessment data to better understand student proficiency in literacy and numeracy in Central Okanagan Public Schools, and to inform the progress of the District's overarching goal to enhance learning for all students.

The FSA will be administered to all Grade 4 and 7 students between October 2, 2023 to November 10, 2023. In the Spring, parents will receive a report about their child's proficiency in Literacy and Numeracy.

The BC Ministry of Education and Child Care 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 excluded from writing the FSA must meet criteria specified by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. If you feel your child should be excluded 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 exclusion.

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

[Click here to visit the Ministry of Education and Child Care website.](#)

or contact your school principal or the School Board Office.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kaardal
Superintendent of Schools/CEO