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What do the assessment results mean for my child?

The assessment results provide information about your child's performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. These results are used by teachers, together with classroom assessment information, to inform instructional decisions that are best suited to your child.

Where can I get more information about this assessment?

Please visit the *Program of Learning Assessment for Nova Scotia* website: plans.EDnet.ns.ca.

How can I help my child prepare for this assessment?

No special preparation is necessary. A positive, relaxed attitude will help your child do his or her best. What your child has been learning in school has been preparing him or her for the assessment.

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2013–2014
Nova Scotia Assessment
**Information for Parents
and Guardians**
Mathematics
In Grade

4

What is the purpose of this assessment?

This assessment will gather information about individual student performance in mathematics. The results will provide

- teachers with information to inform instructional planning;
- parents and guardians with information on their child's performance;
- the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and school boards with information to inform educational decisions.

Who participates in this assessment?

Grade 4 English and French immersion program students enrolled in Nova Scotia public schools participate in this assessment. French immersion students write this assessment in French. Students with an individual program plan (IPP) in mathematics

When is this assessment administered?

The assessment will be administered on two days between September 23 and October 4, 2013 for 90 minutes each morning.

Who designs and scores this assessment?

Nova Scotia Assessments are developed by Evaluation Services, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, in consultation with teachers in Nova Scotia.

Constructed response items (where the student writes his or her answer) will be scored by teachers at sessions led by Evaluation Services. Selected response items (where the student chooses a response from multiple options) will be scored electronically at the department.

How will the assessment results be shared with parents and guardians?

Individual student assessment reports will be made available to schools and then shared with parents and guardians. School, school board, and provincial results of all Nova Scotia Assessments will be published on the *Minister's Report to Parents and Guardians* website at mrpg.ednet.ns.ca.

What is included in this assessment?

Students will complete questions involving number, patterns/relations, measurement, geometry, and statistics/probability.