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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**

Reading
Mathematics

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What is the purpose of the Nova Scotia Assessment: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics in Grade 6?

The purpose of this assessment is to gather information about individual student performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. The results of this assessment provide

- teachers with information to inform instructional planning
- parents and guardians with information on their child's performance
- the department and school boards with information to inform educational decisions

Who participates in this assessment?

Grade 6 students enrolled in Nova Scotia public schools participate in this assessment. Students with an individual program plan (IPP) in English language arts or mathematics do not participate in the subject area(s) of their IPP.

When is this assessment administered?

The assessment will be administered September 23 to October 4, 2013 for 90 minutes each morning.

Who designs and scores this assessment?

Nova Scotia assessments are developed by the professional staff of the Evaluation Services division of the Department of Education in consultation with Nova Scotian teachers.

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

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

Individual student assessment reports will be sent to schools and then forwarded to 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: mrpg.EDnet.ns.ca.

What is included in the Reading and Writing sections of this assessment?

Students will read and answer comprehension questions about information texts, short stories, poems or song lyrics, and visual media texts. Students will also write a persuasive letter and a story.

What is included in the Mathematics section of this assessment?

Students will complete questions involving number concepts, operations, patterns, measurement, geometry, data management, and probability. Mental math, computation, estimation, and problem-solving skills are embedded within the assessment.