



Importance of FSA

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What is the FSA?

The FSA (Foundational Skills Assessment) is a set of interactive exercises designed by teachers and education experts that reliably indicates how your child is doing in literacy (understanding and communicating with language) and numeracy (understanding and working with numbers).

Why is the FSA Important?

To ensure that we continue to support successful learning, we routinely check our students' growth and achievement.

An important part of this is the B.C. Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) which is written by students in grades 4 and 7 each year. The FSA assesses basic knowledge and skills in literacy and numeracy. The FSA provides a systems level accountability check to ensure that we are delivering aligned learning experiences for all.

In Chilliwack we use this assessment to inform our instruction, in-service, and our resource allocation for the betterment of student learning.

Student participation on the FSA can greatly inform instruction, in-service, and resource allocation that benefits students and staff.

How Can Parents Help?

- Talk to your child about the FSA. Explain why we complete it and cheer them on. This is a chance for Chilliwack's students to show what they know!
- Ensure your child gets lots of rest and good nutrition.
- Read through the information and help your child try the [Sample Questions](#)
- Learn more about FSA: [Assessment Information](#)



Facts:

1. **FSA reflects B.C.'s redesigned curriculum.**
2. **FSA will be administered during the period of October 3 – November 10, 2023.**
3. **FSA is a set of interactive activities drawn from the provincial curriculum:**
 - a. **Literacy (understanding and communicating with language)**
 - b. **Numeracy (understanding and working with numbers)**
4. **There is an online section and a hand-written section.**
5. **FSA includes a group collaboration activity, a choice of reading themes and a self-reflection section.**
6. **FSA scores are not letter grades or percentages; they do not count toward students' report card marks or promotion.**
7. **The handwritten section of your child's FSA is scored in Chilliwack, by Chilliwack educators.**