



Dear Parents and Guardians of Students in Grades 4 and 7:

This October, BC students in Grades 4 and 7 will be participating in the BC Ministry of Education's [Foundation Skills Assessment \(FSA\)](#).

This assessment:

- ▶ is based on BC Curriculum.
- ▶ was created collaboratively by teachers, educational experts, and B.C.'s Ministry of Education.
- ▶ happens early in the school year to help guide teaching and learning.
- ▶ is a 'snapshot' of what students have learned in reading, writing and numeracy so far in their school career.
- ▶ has four parts: a Collaboration Activity, a Student Booklet, some Online Questions, and a Student Self-Reflection.
- ▶ is used alongside other quality classroom assessments throughout the year.

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools fully supports the FSA and anticipates your child will participate in this useful assessment.

Some parents may have seen materials from the British Columbia Teacher's Federation. Please keep in mind that administration of the FSA is a Ministerial Order. It is our Legislative Responsibility to ensure that this Ministry Assessment is administered, students are supervised, assessment is completed, and the data from the assessments is collected and transmitted to the Minister.

Your support as a parent is highly valued. A sample [FSA is available online](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the principal at your child's school.

Sincerely,

Scott Saywell
Superintendent/CEO

