

# THE PROVINCIAL READING AND MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT (PRMA)



## WHAT IS THE PRMA?

The PRMA is a provincial assessment of curriculum outcomes, alternating annually between reading and mathematics for grade three and six students. It is administered at the end of May/beginning of June.

## WHO PARTICIPATES?

All students on the prescribed curriculum in grades three and six are expected to complete the assessment.

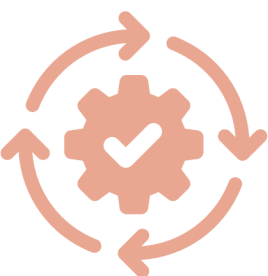


## HOW IS IT ADMINISTERED AND IS THERE PREPARATION TIME?

The PRMA will take place in two 1-hour sessions in the classroom. There is no preparation required for the PRMA.

## ARE GRADES REPORTED?

Schools will receive provincial results and their overall school results.



## PURPOSE OF THE PRMA

The purpose is to help inform policy development, and help educators recognize areas of strength, as well as and barriers, that may exist to students reaching their full potential. The PRMA is one more source of learning data available to schools when considering how to support student achievement

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## WHAT OTHER ASSESSMENTS ARE IN PLACE?

- The Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) for grade eight students (every three years, alternating either math, reading and science as the major domain in one year, with the other two as minor domains).
- The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) for grade four students (every 5 years).
- Trends in Mathematics and Science Study (TIMMS) for grade four students. 2019 was the first year that NL participated as a province.
- The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) for 15 year olds (every three years, alternating either math, reading and science as the major domain in one year, with the other two as minor domains).

## IN WHAT LANGUAGES WILL PRMA BE ADMINISTERED?

The PRMA is administered in English for students in the English stream. It is administered in French for French first language students. Grade 3 French immersion students do not write the English reading assessment. Grades 6 French immersion students write the reading assessment in English. All French immersion students in grades 3 and 6 write the mathematics assessment in French.

