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Student Learning Assessment Pilot Information

Attention: Families with Children in Grade Three

Did you know that students in grade three will be participating in the new Student Learning Assessments (SLAs)?

These assessments replace the Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs).

When are these scheduled to take place?

They will take place between September 29th and October 10th during the regular school day. Your child's teacher will select the exact timing as there is flexibility as to when they occur.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child?

It is not required to prepare your child in advance for these assessments. Similar to any school day, we encourage parents to ensure children are well rested and have a good breakfast.

Can my child practice questions in advance?

The province has set up a website with practice questions. It can be found at <https://questaplus.alberta.ca>

How will the information be used?

The primary purpose of these assessments is to assist teachers in determining what instructional support students will need to be successful in their learning.

Will I be receiving a report on how my child does?

In November, your child's teacher will receive a detailed digital pilot report and you will be provided more information at that time.

Where can I find out more information about the SLAs?

Please visit the Alberta Education website at

<http://education.alberta.ca/admin/testing/student-learning-assessments.aspx>