

Grade 3 Pilot Student Learning Assessments (SLAs) Quick Facts for Parents

What are the Pilot SLAs?

The Pilot SLAs are literacy and numeracy assessments that will be administered to Grade 3 students.

These assessments have four parts:

- a digital literacy assessment
- a literacy performance task
- a digital numeracy assessment
- a numeracy performance task

What are the purposes of the Pilot SLAs?

The three primary purposes of the Pilot SLAs are to:

- improve student learning
- enhance instruction for students
- ensure the education system meets the needs of students and achieves the outcomes of the Ministerial Order on Student Learning

Who will participate in the Pilot SLAs?

All Grade 3 students in schools that have chosen to administer the Pilot SLAs this fall.

When will students do these Pilot SLAs?

The Pilot SLAs will be administered September 29 through October 10, 2014. Your child's teacher will select the times and dates the students will do the four different parts of the assessments during that time period.

Will my child need to study for the SLAs?

The Pilot SLAs are based on outcomes from the Grade 2 programs of study. All of the questions and activities have been written and reviewed by Alberta teachers. Your child will not need special preparation to do these assessments. However, they should be familiar with using a computer.

Are there any practice questions my child can do before they do the Pilot SLAs?

Practice questions are located at <https://questaplus.alberta.ca/>.

When will I know the results from my child's Pilot SLAs?

In November, teachers will receive detailed, digital pilot reports. You and your child's teacher can arrange a meeting to discuss your child's Pilot SLA results.

Where can I get more information about the Pilot SLAs?

Detailed information about the SLAs is located at

<http://education.alberta.ca/departments/ipr/curriculum/student-learning-assessments.aspx>.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

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