

Quick Facts for Parents/Guardians

Grade 3 Student Learning Assessment (SLA)

Overview of the SLA

SLAs are a digitally based provincial assessment that provides a beginning of the year “check in”. This enables parents/guardians and teachers to learn about and identify student strengths and areas for growth at the start of the school year. The Grade 3 SLA is based on outcomes related to literacy and numeracy in language arts and mathematics in Alberta’s current Grade 2 provincial programs of study. Some sets of questions are created using topics that may be familiar to students from other subject areas such as arts education, health, science, and social studies.

Purpose of the SLA

The purposes of the SLAs are to:

- improve student learning (primary purpose);
- enhance instruction for students.

Provincial assessment programs, including SLAs, are meant to complement, not replace, day-to-day teacher observations and classroom assessment.

Structure of the SLA

This literacy and numeracy assessment consists of digital interactive questions (marked by Alberta Education) and performance tasks (marked locally):

- digital interactive literacy questions;
- a literacy performance task;
- digital interactive numeracy questions;
- a numeracy performance task.

Participation in the SLA

For the 2019/20 school year, Alberta Education will provide school authorities with maximum flexibility for administering SLAs. To that end, school authorities may select which schools within an authority will administer the SLAs. In addition, these schools may administer select parts of the SLAs.

Your child’s preparation for the SLA

Your child does not need to study to do this assessment. However, students should be familiar with using a computer or similar technology.

Practice questions available before the administration of the SLA

Students can try out the practice questions and released questions that are located on the [SLA application](#).

Important dates for the 2019-2020 SLA

The Grade 3 SLA is available to teachers to administer from September 9 to October 7, 2019. Parents/guardians can access their child’s results, including a parent/guardian-friendly report, via their child’s teacher. Schools are expected to share students’ Grade 3 SLA results with students’ parents/guardians.

Teachers and parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss students’ Grade 3 SLA results together, as teachers are in the best position to interpret the results.

Contact information

Additional information is available on the [SLA web page](#).

The personal information collected in the Student Learning Assessment is collected pursuant to section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RSA 2000, C. F-25). This information will be used for the purpose of administering the Student Learning Assessment as well as support programs and policy evaluation and measurement.

For questions regarding the program and the collection, use and disclosure of information:

For English-language SLAs, you may contact Nicole Lamarre, Director of Student Learning Assessments and Provincial Achievement Testing, Alberta Education, at Nicole.Lamarre@gov.ab.ca or by telephone at 780-427-6204.

For French-language SLAs, you may contact Gilbert Guimont, French Assessment Director, at Gilbert.Guimont@gov.ab.ca or by telephone at 780-422-3535.

Call 310-0000 for toll-free access within Alberta.