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# Quick Facts for Superintendents

## Grade 3 Student Learning Assessment (SLA)

### Overview of the SLA

SLAs are digitally based provincial assessments that provide 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.

While the SLA is helpful for teachers to use as a tool, it will not be used in the Accountability Pillar.

The SLA is meant to complement, not replace, day-to-day teacher observations and classroom assessment. It is a source of information that must be interpreted, used, and communicated within the context of regular and continuous assessment by classroom teachers.

### Structure of the SLA

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

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

### Participation in the SLA

Information regarding Student Learning Assessment participation for this school year is available on the [SLA web page](#).

### Student preparation for the SLA

Students do not need to study to do this assessment. However, students should be familiar with using a computer or similar technology. Technology is central to the Grade 3 SLA. The digital interactive questions require a computer, laptop, or tablet, and an Internet connection.

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## Important dates for the SLA

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Mid-August 2022	The SLA Teacher Dashboard is available for teachers to preview the assessments, set up their class lists, and print performance task materials.
Mid-August 2022	Principals contact Exam Administration to request access to paper-only versions of the SLAs for students who are not permitted to use, or cannot access, technology.
Mid-August to the end of October 2022	Teachers administer SLA components.
Within 24 hours of a teacher submitting digital questions for marking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teachers and school administrators can access Individual Student Reports and Class Reports (digital and print) via the SLA Teacher Dashboard.</li><li>• Superintendents can access reports via the SLA Teacher Dashboard.</li><li>• Parents/guardians can access their child's Individual Student Report (including a parent/guardian-friendly print copy) via their child's school.</li></ul>
End of October 2022	Teachers are expected to share student results of the digital questions and performance tasks with parents.
End of October to end of June 2023	Teachers may re-administer SLA components.

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## Resources available for students, teachers, and administrators

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

Teachers and administrators have a number of resources available to them on the [SLA web page](#).

## Students excused from participating in the SLA

Teachers can identify excused students to Alberta Education via the SLA Teacher Dashboard using the status “not participating”.

## Availability of students' results

Alberta Education will provide reports on student results within 24 hours of a teacher submitting digital questions for marking.

Superintendents will be able to access reports showing the distribution of students across performance levels:

- within their school authority;
- for any school within their school authority.

Parents/guardians of students who participate will have access to a parent/guardian-friendly report, through teachers, for the digital questions marked by the province.

Teachers are expected to discuss students' Grade 3 SLA results with parents/guardians.

## Contact information

For questions regarding the English-language SLAs, you may contact Kelly Rota, Director of Student Learning Assessments (SLAs) and Provincial Achievement Testing (PAT), Alberta Education, 6th Floor, 44 Capital Boulevard, 10044 108 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5J 5E6 or at [Kelly.Rota@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Kelly.Rota@gov.ab.ca) or by telephone at 780-427-6204.

For questions regarding the French-language SLAs, you may contact Nicole Lamarre, Director of French Assessments, Alberta Education, 6th Floor, 44 Capital Boulevard, 10044 108 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5J 5E6 or at [Nicole.Lamarre@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Nicole.Lamarre@gov.ab.ca) or by telephone at 780-422-3535.

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

## Information and resources

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