

Dear Parents:

Each year students in Grades 4 and 7 are required by the Ministry of Education to write a set of three provincial tests called the **Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)**. The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Literacy and Numeracy. The FSA is the first of four times in a student's K-12 education when they participate in provincial assessments: Grade 4, Grade 7, and twice during the graduation years in Grades 10-12.

The purpose of the FSA is to:

- Provide system level information on student performance
- Provide districts and schools with information on student performance.
- Support decision making (interventions, planning, resource allocation, curriculum, policy, research)

The new FSA will be administered in October-November, which means teachers will have student results earlier in the school year. This information will support decision making in the classroom and at the school and will provide districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in reading, writing, and numeracy.

FSA is meant to complement the information teachers collect on student performance through ongoing methods of assessment.

The redesigned Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is aligned with the redesigned curriculum and reflects the recommendations from the Advisory Group on Provincial Assessment (AGPA). The FSA has a focus on collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and the foundations of literacy and numeracy.


Students in Grades 4 and 7 at Forest Grove are scheduled to write the FSA tests between October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 12, 2021. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school ([kurt.gurney@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:kurt.gurney@burnabyschools.ca) or 604-296-9026). For further information about FSA, visit the Ministry of Education website at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/>.

Sincerely,

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 <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION <b>BURNABY</b> SCHOOL DISTRICT 41</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b> PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p>重要資料 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>これはたいせつなお知らせです。 どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。</p> <p>알려드립니다 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p><b>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG</b> Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p>ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਬਿਕਾਾ ਵਰਕੇ ਬਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੇਕਾ ਵਰਵਾਓ ।</p> <p><b>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE</b> Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p><b>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند</b> لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>يرجى ترجمة هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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