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Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Screening Assessments Parent/Guardian Information Sheet

WRPS will be implementing the updated Alberta Education Early Literacy and Numeracy screening assessments this year to help teachers determine strengths and areas of support needed for students in grades K-3.

1. What is the purpose of the literacy and numeracy assessments?

The literacy and numeracy assessments are mandatory for Kindergarten children (in January) and students in grades 1 to 3 (September) to ensure they are receiving essential foundational learning in the critical early years of their education.

The assessments that will be implemented are:

Literacy:

The Phonological Awareness Screening Test (PAST) is designed to assess phonemic awareness and phonemic proficiency or phonemes (sounds) in spoken words.

The Rapid Automatized Naming (RAN) is designed to assess a student's ability to name as fast as possible highly familiar visual stimuli such as digits, letters, colours, and objects.

The Letter Name-Sound (LeNS) assessment is designed to make sure that the child or student has the foundational phonics skills to develop into an independent reader.

The Castles and Coltheart 3 (CC3) assessment is a word-reading test based on the Castles and Coltheart Reading Test 2 (CC2). The CC3 is designed to identify the nature of a child's or student's reading difficulties.

Numeracy:

The numeracy assessment tasks are: (Rote Counting, Counting Sets, Next Number, Naming Numbers, Comparing Numbers, Writing Numbers, Numbers on the Number Line, Number Facts, Equations, Ordering of numbers, and Calculations. **Note:** Not all tasks are given to all grades.

3. What if I do not want my child to participate in these assessments?

Please inform your child's teacher if you do not wish to have your child participate in these literacy assessments.

4. When and where will the assessments be administered?

The classroom teacher or designated teacher will administer the assessments to individual children and students in the school during the regular school day.

5. What information is being collected, and how will the information be used and disclosed?

Teachers will collect child or student names, grades, Alberta student number, and individual student responses. Results will be submitted to Alberta Education to help inform future policy and programming. Personal information is collected for the purpose of these assessments under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

6. How will the results be shared?

At the school level, results are shared with parents at the discretion of school authorities. Results from the literacy and numeracy screening assessments are intended to help teachers identify and address gaps in their children's and students' foundational understandings of literacy. They can use these results to guide their teaching throughout the year and inform children, students, and parents about progress and learning.

Additionally, teachers can utilize the results to select suitable resources and interventions tailored to meet the individual needs of each child or student. School authority results will be shared in the Annual Education Results Report (AERR).

Tracking results will help the province, school authorities, and schools identify successes and continuously improve the quality of education for students, supporting a transparent, accountable, and responsive education system.

Whom can I contact if I have questions about the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information?

Questions or inquiries regarding the school's collection, use, and disclosure of personal information may be directed to your child's school authority.

Questions or inquiries regarding Alberta Education's collection, use, and disclosure of personal information may be directed to:

Executive Director, Provincial Assessment 6th Floor, 10044 108 Street NW, 44 Capital Boulevard
Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6 Phone: 780-422-4848 (Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free from outside the Edmonton area.)

Sincerely,

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