



## Early Years Assessments

In 2022/23, K-3 Literacy and Numeracy assessments became mandatory in Alberta, ensuring students receive essential foundational learning in the critical early years of their education. Early numeracy and literacy are two necessary foundational areas that develop during early childhood.

GPPSD administers literacy and numeracy screening assessments for grades 1 to 3 students.

These screening assessments assist teachers in planning for instruction responsive to student needs and provide snapshots of student progress over time. In addition to classroom support, these assessments help to identify early interventions.





## LITERACY SCREENING ASSESSMENTS

Alberta Education provides two English and French literacy assessments for schools to use.

The English Letter Name-Sound, known as the LeNS assessment is administered to all students in grades 1 and 2 and is designed to ensure a student has the foundational phonics skills to develop into an independent reader. “Phonics” is the instruction that teaches the relationships between the letters of written language and the sounds of spoken language. The Tests Nom et son des lettres (NSLe) is the French equivalent of the English LeNS assessment.

The Castles and Colheart 3, also called the CC3 assessment, is an English word-reading assessment designed to identify the nature of a student’s reading behaviours. This assessment is administered to grades 1 to 3 students. The Test Castle et Colheart 3 (CC3) is the French equivalent of the English CC3 assessment.

## NUMERACY SCREENING ASSESSMENTS

GPPSD uses the Alberta Education-provided numeracy screening assessment is available in English and French. The numeracy screening assessment is designed to help teachers understand their students’ developing knowledge of the number system, basic number operations, and proportional reasoning skills. This assessment is administered to grades 1 to 3 students.

Learn more about the Alberta Early Childhood Screening Assessments by speaking with your child’s teacher, your school administrators, or by visiting <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/home/en>

**Coming up next:**

New curriculum implementation, supports, and timeline.