

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy

Information for parents and carers

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In New South Wales the NAPLAN tests replaced the Basic Skills Tests (BST), English Language and Literacy Assessment (ELLA) and Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program (SNAP).



The results of the tests provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and are used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's achievement will be reported against the national reporting bands, national averages and national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) is collected as part of this program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests are conducted across Australia on the same days for all students.

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not used. For the calculator test the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or if they have significant intellectual and/or functional disability.

Students with confirmed disabilities or difficulties in learning are expected to participate in the tests.

Special provisions which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom are provided for students by the school.

Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the test are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to special provisions and exemption from the tests must be discussed with your school's learning support team and the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your school.

Additional information for parents about the National Assessment Program can be found on this website: <http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html>

Parents and carers who would like more information about the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) should make an appointment to see the Principal of the school attended by their child.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you require further information please contact your Principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact your Principal, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call the school and stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.