

Minister's Report to Parents and Guardians

2011 Student Assessment Results

Program of Learning Assessment for Nova Scotia (PLANS)

PLANS is responsible for the administration of provincial, national, and international assessments. PLANS provides reliable and accurate data to assist in educational decision making at all levels: student, home, school, school board, and province. Provincial assessments are developed by Nova Scotia teachers under the direction of the professional staff of Evaluation Services, following the rigorous guidelines of the Nova Scotia Assessment Development Model (plans.ednet.ns.ca).

2011 Assessment/Examination	Participants	Subject	Month
Early Elementary Mathematical Literacy Assessment (EEMLA)	Grade 3 English program students (French immersion students write a translated version)	Mathematical literacy	June
Évaluation des apprentissages en mathématiques : premier cycle de l'élémentaire (EAM1 ^{er} CE)	Grade 3 French first language students	Mathematical literacy	June
Elementary Mathematical Literacy Assessment (EMLA)	Grade 6 English program students (French immersion students write a translated version)	Mathematical literacy	June
Évaluation des apprentissages en mathématiques : deuxième cycle de l'élémentaire (EAM2 ^e CE)	Grade 6 French first language students	Mathematical literacy	June
Nova Scotia Examinations (NSE)	Students enrolled in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics 12 • Advanced Mathematics 12 • Mathématiques 12 • Mathématiques avancée 12 	Mathematics	January June
Early Language Literacy Assessment (ELLA)	Grade 3 English program students (not including French immersion)	Language literacy (English)	October
Elementary Literacy Assessment (ELA)	Grade 6 English program students (including French immersion) and French first language students	Language literacy (English)	October
Appréciation de rendement en littératie à l'élémentaire (ARL)	Grade 6 French first language students	Language literacy (French)	September
Junior High Literacy Assessment (JHLA)	Grade 9 English program students (including French immersion) and French first language students	Language literacy (English)	February
Appréciation de rendement en littératie au premier cycle du secondaire (ARLS)	Grade 9 French first language students	Language literacy (French)	February
Nova Scotia Examinations (NSE)	Students enrolled in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 12 (including Advanced English and African Heritage 12) • English/Communications 12 	English language arts	January June
Progress in International Reading Literacy Studies (PIRLS)	Grade 4 English program students (including French immersion) and French first language students	Reading literacy	April–May

Message from the Minister

It is my pleasure to provide you with this brochure of the *Minister's Report to Parents and Guardians*. The full report is now available online at mrpg.ednet.ns.ca.

In this brochure, we share the provincial and board level results of the assessments and examinations administered by the Program of Learning Assessment for Nova Scotia (PLANS), and the assessment schedule for the 2012–2013 academic year.

PLANS data is one of the many valued sources of information we use to inform our decision making about the future path of education in Nova Scotia. We use this data, current educational research, and ongoing consultation with schools, school boards, and the community to make well-informed decisions about education in Nova Scotia.

This spring, we released *Kids and Learning First*, which provided Nova Scotians with information about how those decisions will be implemented through such measures as:

- monitoring student progress more closely
- providing help in transition years
- helping students with special needs succeed
- promoting equity for students from diverse backgrounds
- protecting the quality of education in rural communities
- ensuring that our resources are directed at students first

For more information about *Kids and Learning First*, please visit novascotia.ca/kidsandlearning/pub/KL-en.pdf

I appreciate the ongoing interest and support of Nova Scotia parents, guardians, and community members. Please feel free to contact me with your comments and questions at public-schools-branch@gov.ns.ca



Honourable Ramona Jennex

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ramona Jennex".

Honourable Ramona Jennex, Minister of Education

2011 Assessment and Examination Results

The charts in this brochure provide provincial and board level results for the assessments and examinations administered by the Program of Learning Assessment for Nova Scotia (PLANS). More information is available at mrpg.ednet.ns.ca.

School boards are represented by the following abbreviations:

AVRSB: Annapolis Valley Regional School Board
 CBVRSB: Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board
 CCRSB: Chignecto-Central Regional School Board
 CSAP: Conseil scolaire acadien provincial

HRSB: Halifax Regional School Board
 SRSB: Strait Regional School Board
 SSRSB: South Shore Regional School Board
 TCRSB: Tri-County Regional School Board

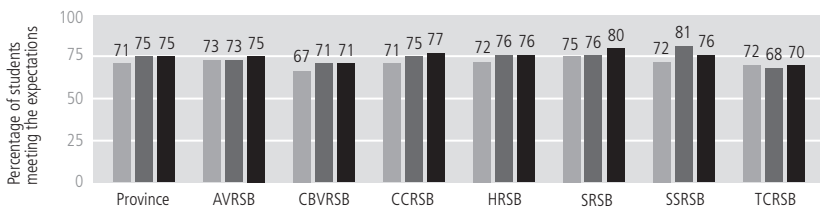
Nova Scotia Mathematics Assessments and Examinations

Nova Scotia Mathematical Literacy Assessments provide information about individual student achievement and system performance in mathematics, relative to a representative sample of the English program or French first language mathematics curriculum outcomes.

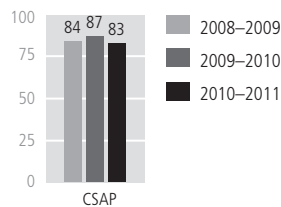
Early Elementary Mathematical Literacy Assessments

The 2010–2011 Early Elementary Mathematical Literacy Assessments were administered to grade 3 students in May–June 2011. Grade 3 English program and French immersion students participated in the Early Elementary Mathematical Literacy Assessment (EEMLA) and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) students participated the 2010–2011 Évaluation des apprentissages en mathématiques : premier cycle de l'élémentaire (EAM1^{er}CE).

Provincial & Board Results for EEMLA



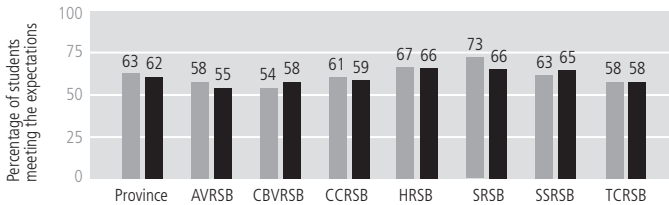
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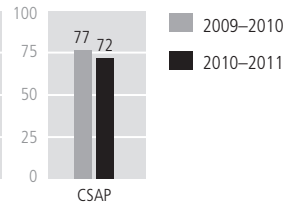
Elementary Mathematical Literacy Assessments

The 2010–2011 Elementary Mathematical Literacy Assessments were administered to grade 6 students in May 2011. Grade 6 English program and French immersion students participated in the Elementary Mathematical Literacy Assessment (EMLA) and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) students participated in the Évaluation des apprentissages en mathématiques : deuxième cycle de l'élémentaire (EAM2^{ce}CE).

Provincial & Board Results for EMLA



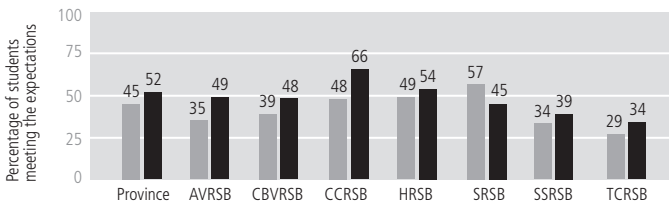
EAM2^{ce}CE



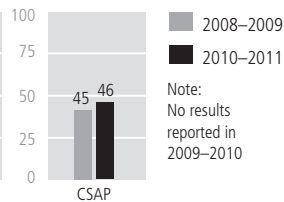
Nova Scotia Examinations in Mathematics

The 2010–2011 Nova Scotia Examinations in Mathematics were administered at the end of each school semester: in January and June 2011. English program students enrolled in Mathematics 12, Advanced Mathematics 12, and French first language students enrolled in Mathématiques 12, and Mathématiques avancées 12 participated in the examinations.

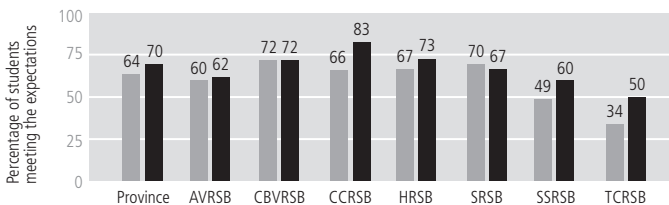
Provincial & Board Results for NSE Mathematics 12



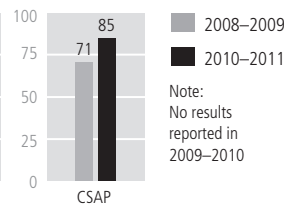
ENE Mathématiques 12



Provincial & Board Results for NSE Advanced Mathematics 12



ENE Mathématiques avancées 12



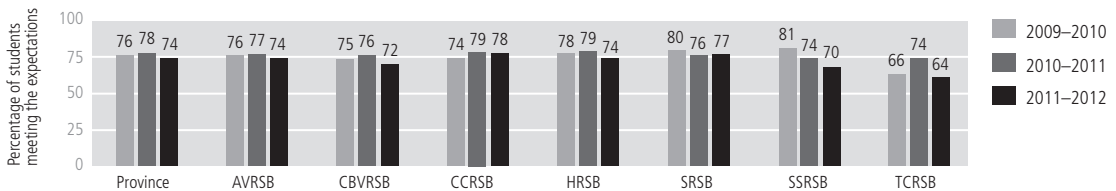
Nova Scotia Literacy Assessments and Examinations

Nova Scotia Literacy Assessments provide information about individual student achievement and system performance in reading and writing. Each assessment reflects a representative sample of English or French first language program curriculum outcomes.

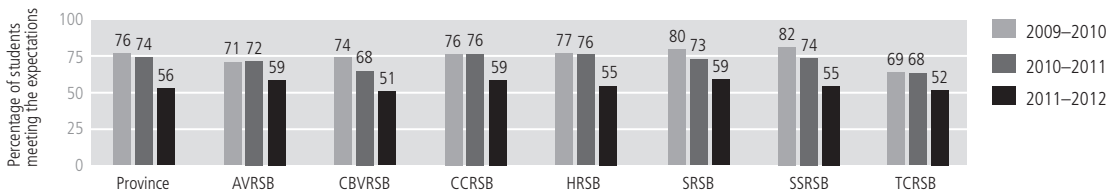
Early Language Literacy Assessment

The 2011–2012 Early Language Literacy Assessment (ELLA) was administered to grade 3 English program students in October 2011.

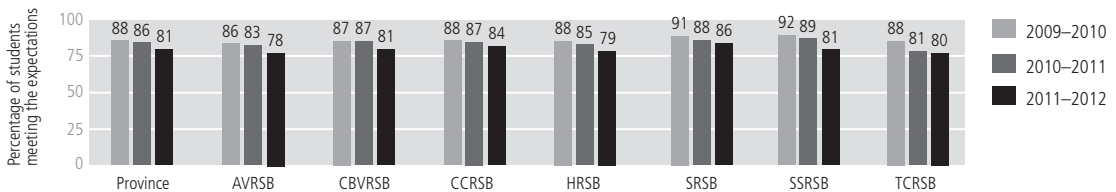
Provincial & Board Results for ELLA, Reading



Provincial & Board Results for ELLA, Narrative Writing



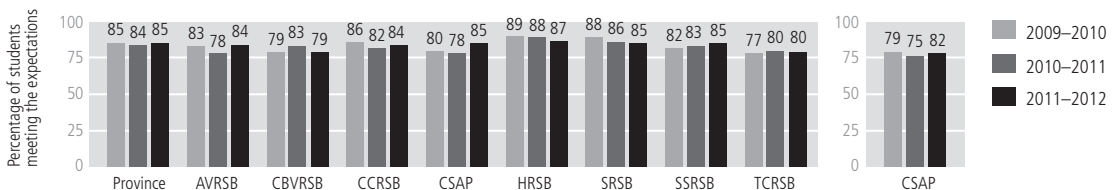
Provincial & Board Results for ELLA, Information Writing



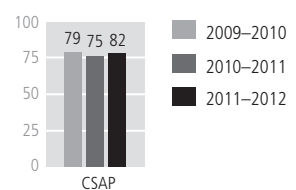
Elementary Literacy Assessments

The 2011–2012 Elementary Literacy Assessments were administered to grade 6 students in October 2011. English, French immersion, and French first language (CSAP) students participated in the Elementary Literacy Assessment (ELA) and French first language (CSAP) students participated in the 2011–2012 Appréciation de rendement en littératie à l'élémentaire (ARL).

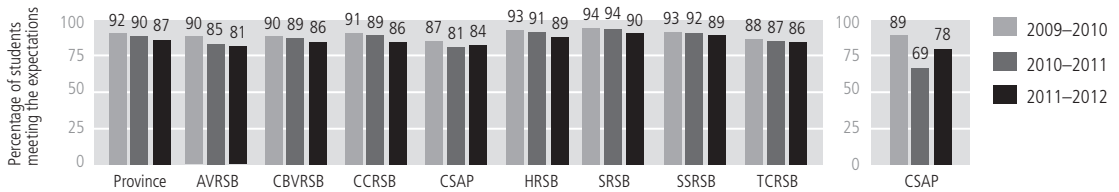
Provincial & Board Results for ELA, Reading



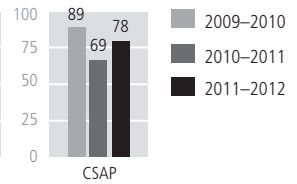
ARL, Reading



Provincial & Board Results for ELA, Writing



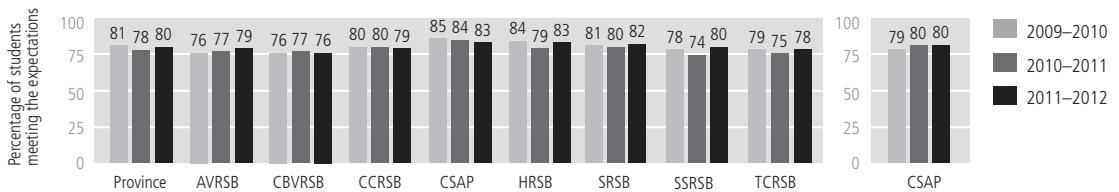
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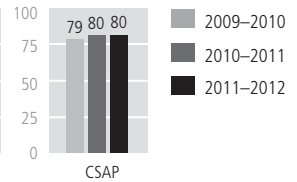
Junior High Literacy Assessments

The 2010–2011 Junior High Literacy Assessments were administered to grade 9 students in February 2011. The 2011–2012 Junior High Literacy Assessments were administered to grade 9 students in February 2012. English, French immersion, and French first language (CSAP) students participated in the Junior High Literacy Assessment (JHLA) and French first language (CSAP) students participated in the *Appréciation de rendement en littérature au premier cycle du secondaire* (ARLS).

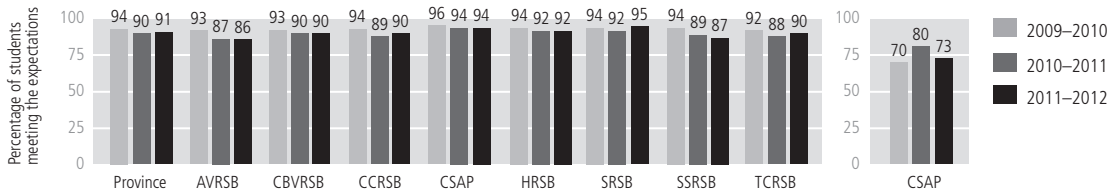
Provincial & Board Results for JHLA, Reading



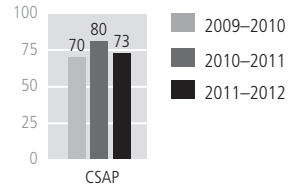
ARLS, Reading



Provincial & Board Results for JHLA, Writing



ARLS, Writing



Nova Scotia Examinations in English

The Nova Scotia Examinations in English (NSE English) evaluate student performance relative to the Atlantic Canada Language Arts Curriculum. These examinations were administered in January and June 2011. English and French first language students enrolled in English 12, English 12: African Heritage, Advanced English 12, or English Communications 12 participated in the examinations. Schools use these examination results to determine the trends and patterns of English language arts development. Annual examination results are not published in the *Minister's Report to Parents and Guardians*.

2012–2013 Program of Learning Assessment for Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia assessments in mathematics and literacy have been redesigned to provide more information about student, school, school board, and provincial performance in mathematics, reading, and writing. Starting in October 2012, a compressed administration schedule will reduce the impact on schools and new reporting procedures will ensure ease of understanding and use of assessment results.

Elementary Assessment Week: October 2–5, 2012

Assessment	Participation	Dates
2012–2013 Nova Scotia Assessment: Reading and Writing in Grade 3	Grade 3 English program students	October 2–3, 2012
2012–2013 Nova Scotia Assessment: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics in Grade 6	Grade 6 English program students Grade 6 French immersion students	October 2–5, 2012
2012–2013 Évaluation de la Nouvelle-Écosse : Lecture et écriture en 6 ^e année*	Grade 6 CSAP students	October 2–3, 2012

Note: Anticipated for 2013–2014: Nova Scotia Assessment: Mathematics in Grade 4; Évaluation de la Nouvelle-Écosse : Mathématiques en 4^e année; Évaluation de la Nouvelle-Écosse : Lecture et écriture en 3^e année.

* In 2013–2014, the grade 6 CSAP assessment will be: 2013–2014 Évaluation de la Nouvelle-Écosse : lecture, écriture, et mathématiques en 6^e année.

Junior High Assessment Week: June 3–6, 2013

Assessment	Participation	Dates
2012–2013 Nova Scotia Assessment: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics in Grade 8	Grade 8 English program students Grade 8 French immersion students	June 3–6, 2013
2012–2013 Évaluation de la Nouvelle-Écosse : Lecture, écriture et mathématiques en 8 ^e année	Grade 8 CSAP students	June 3–6, 2013

For further information:

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