



Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82

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Ama Sah Parents & Caregivers of Grades 4 and 7 Students,

In accordance with the British Columbia *School Act*, Coast Mountains School District will be administering the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) to all Grades 4 and 7 students between October 1 and November 8, 2024.

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is an annual provincial assessment conducted in Grades 4 and 7 classrooms across British Columbia in October and November. Basic information about the FSA is attached to this letter. For more extensive information, please refer to the Ministry of Education and Child Care provincial website which provides further details on all aspects of this assessment and its use, along with sample assessments that can be used for practice.

[Foundation Skills Assessment \(FSA\) - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov2/education/childcare/assessment/foundation_skills_assessment)

(click on link to access website)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care expects all students to participate in this assessment. The results are not used to evaluate individual students, but serve as a provincial snapshot to provide information about how students in British Columbia are doing as a whole. In addition, schools use the information as a predictor of a student's likelihood to graduate.

Only Principals have the authority to excuse students due to a family emergency, lengthy illness or other extenuating circumstances. We believe it is important to have as many students as possible writing this assessment. This is one assessment of many that we use to track student achievement. The more information we have about each student's learning, the better equipped we are to make informed decisions at the classroom and school level.

We believe that there is a strong connection between FSA scores, school completion, and future life success. FSA results also show where individual students excel and where they need assistance. Paying attention to individual student results allows parents, caregivers and educators to make early interventions that can enhance success later in a child's schooling.

If you have any questions about the Foundation Skills Assessment, please contact your school Principal or Vice Principal.

Sincerely,

Tracey MacMillan
Superintendent of Schools

Attachment
- FSA Parent-Caregiver Brochure

"Learning Together, Realizing Success for All – Engage, Ignite, Empower"