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**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS
Foundation Skills Assessment**

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) will be conducting the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) from the end of September through to early November, in accordance with the School Act. The Foundation Skills Assessment measures literacy and numeracy skills in Grade 4 and Grade 7 as set out in provincial curricula and is only one source of the data that teachers and the district use to establish comprehensive evidence of student achievement in the Coquitlam School District.

The FSA continues to:

- assess literacy and numeracy
- contain both written and online components

It includes:

- a paper-based literacy task which includes a collaboration activity and three written response questions.
- an online literacy portion which includes thirty questions.
- a paper-based numeracy task which includes three written response questions.
- an online numeracy portion which includes thirty questions.
- self-reflections following the completion of each component.

The Foundation Skills Assessment does NOT measure any outcomes from the Grades 4 or 7 curricula. It is a cumulative review of outcomes taught in K – 3 or K – 6. As a provincially prescribed assessment, all Grade 4 and Grade 7 students are expected to participate in the FSA. There are specific exemptions identified by the Ministry regarding students who have previously written the FSA's at that grade level, some students with Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) and some students receiving English as an Additional Language (EAL) support.

A parent/guardian wishing to request that a student be excused from participating in the 2026 FSA can do so under the following exemptions as set out by the Ministry of Education:

- Family emergency
- Illness
- Extenuating circumstances

Please contact your school principal should you need to discuss this information as it pertains to your Grade 4 or Grade 7 child. For more information on the FSA, visit: [Foundation Skills Assessment \(FSA\) - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/foundation-skills-assessment)

Sincerely,

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