Foundation Skills Assessment - FSA

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual, province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in Literacy and Numeracy. These are assessments for students in Grades 4 and 7.

> The FSA is not optional unless students meet a very narrow set of requirements for exemption.

Flex Academy will be administering the assessments at school each year. Students will also review fundamentals in class prior to their FSAs.

There are two categories of assessment; the assessments in total takes about four hours. Here are the categories:

- Literacy
- Numeracy

The assessments include online and written questions, as well as a reflection activity. The written parts of the assessment will be marked by teachers from Flex Academy, and the results will be sent home to families later in the year.

The results will be based on the following proficiencies:

- **Extending** – Sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies in relation to expected learning.
- **Proficient** – Complete understanding of the concepts and competencies in relation to expected learning.
- **Developing** - Partial understanding of the concepts and competencies in relation to expected learning.
- **Emerging** –Initial understanding of the concepts and competencies in relation to expected learning.

FSA Questions and Answers

What does FSA stand for?	FSA stands for Foundation Skills Assessment and this test is given to all students in BC enrolled in grades 4 and 7.
What subjects are tested?	The student is tested in Literacy and Numeracy.

What is an invigilator?	An invigilator is a person responsible for supervising a test. The invigilator for the FSAs is either a teacher (in our case, with HCOS) **or** any person the administration deems as unbiased. This can be the child's parent.
What time is involved for each test?	About 2 hours for each of the two sections.

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