

Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Changes to NAPLAN reporting from 2023

Purpose

To inform schools about the national changes to the reporting of NAPLAN results commencing in 2023.

Background

The National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) provides information on how Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are performing in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar and numeracy. The QCAA is responsible for administering and reporting on NAPLAN in Queensland.

Changes to reporting

As part of the National School Reform Agreement, education ministers agreed that a proficiency standard be introduced for literacy and numeracy assessed by NAPLAN. On 10 February 2023, education ministers also agreed to change the reporting of NAPLAN results in response to the online testing transition and the move to earlier NAPLAN testing in March.

The new proficiency standard has four levels of achievement for each year level and replaces the previous 10-band structure and the national minimum standard used across the four domains. The four levels of achievement are:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

From 2023, the individual student report (ISR) will change. The ISR will be based on the four levels of achievement. It will also continue to show the national average, the range of achievement for the middle 60% of students in each year level, and a dot placement for the student comparing their achievement against these measures.

This new standard and its benchmarks will provide information to parents/carers and teachers about what a student can do against a challenging but reasonable standard of literacy and numeracy expected for students at the time of the tests.

This change to reporting means that a new time series and a resetting of the measurement scale will commence in 2023, allowing the full benefit of the new online adaptive testing to be reflected in student results. Results from 2008–2022 cannot be directly compared with the 2023 results.

The Australian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (ACARA) has conducted a nationwide, consultation process with panels of teachers to gather data to match test items to the levels of proficiency for each year level, for each test domain. While this new standard will be included in

the NAPLAN results sent to schools and parents/carers later this year, students will not require any additional preparation for the NAPLAN test window in March.

Further information will be provided on the new proficiency standard following the NAPLAN test window.

What you need to do

Before the NAPLAN tests commencing on 15 March 2023, principals should:

1. discuss these changes to NAPLAN reporting with staff
2. access resources prepared by ACARA and QCAA to support the changes to reporting of NAPLAN (www.acara.edu.au and www.qcaa.qld.edu.au)
3. inform parent/carers of the changes by referring them to FAQs on the ACARA or QCAA website.

Finding out more

For more information, please email naplan@qcaa.qld.edu.au or phone 1300 214 452.

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