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Grade Level of Achievement (GLA)

What a parent
needs to know

Why does Alberta Education collect GLA data?

Alberta Education collects GLA results for Language Arts and Mathematics and analyzes this data for several reasons:

- GLA reporting enables Alberta Education to broaden approaches to assess student achievement.
- GLA results reported for specific groups such as boys and girls, highly mobile students, English as Second Language students, and students with special needs, help show how Alberta can better design programs to address the needs of these students.
- GLA enables Alberta Education to make better policy decisions based on GLA trends.
- GLA supports meaningful discussions within School Councils regarding school and/or jurisdiction GLA results in relation to provincial norms.

Talk to your children's teachers and principal about how to use GLA information.

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Research clearly shows that formal assessments improve student learning. Alberta's 2003 Learning Commission recommended that Alberta Education "provide ongoing, comprehensive, consistent and transparent information to Albertans about the outcomes achieved by Alberta's students." GLA is one of those key assessments being used.

What is Grade Level of Achievement (GLA) Reporting?

Grade Level of Achievement is the teacher's professional judgment of a student's achievement in a core subject (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies).

Alberta teachers must report Grade 1-9 student Grade Level of Achievement to parents.

Principals determine how teachers communicate grade level of achievement to parents. The reporting method is arrived at through consultation with teachers, parents and school councils and in a manner consistent with any related school jurisdiction and/or Alberta Education policies.

Why does Alberta require GLA reporting to parents?

- GLA tells parents how well their children are performing when compared to set learning objectives.
- GLA ensures parents understand the distinction between enrolled grade and the grade level at which their child is actually working in core subjects. For example, though their child may be in a Grade 4 class, he/she may be working at approximately the Grade 3 level in language arts.

How does GLA help students?

- When you get additional information on GLA you see clearly how well your child is doing in relation to provincial achievement standards for core subjects.
- If your child is performing below desired levels, you can work with the teacher to create a plan for improvement.

How does GLA relate to Provincial Achievement Tests?

Assessing a full range of classroom work in GLA compliments Provincial Achievement Tests given in Grades 3, 6 and 9. Teachers base GLA on the full range of classroom work and their observations during the school year. Research shows that multiple assessments improve the accuracy of assessment information.