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NEW PROFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR NAPLAN

More meaningful reporting to parents and carers

From this year, parents and carers will get earlier, simpler NAPLAN achievement based on new, more rigorous national standards.

Education ministers have agreed to change the way NAPLAN results are reported to parents and carers, now that all students are taking the tests online, and with the move to an earlier NAPLAN in March. New proficiency standards with 4 levels of achievement for each year level will replace the previous 10-band structure that covered all 4 levels tested and the old national minimum standard set in 2008 when tests were on paper. The new proficiency standards include a baseline benchmark to identify students who are likely to need additional support.

These important changes mark a reset for NAPLAN that makes use of the online adaptive tests to deliver better information for parents, carers and teachers, said ACARA CEO, David de Carvalho.

The standard for proficiency is set at a challenging but reasonable level. If your child is in the Strong or Exceeding category, it means they have demonstrated proficiency and that their literacy or numeracy skills are where they should be at this stage of their schooling.

If your child has not yet achieved proficiency, then they will either be in the Developing category or the Needs additional support category.

These changes will provide more meaningful reporting to parents and carers, and will enable much more meaningful conversations between them about how our children and young people are developing the foundational skills they need, Mr de Carvalho said.

The proficiency standards represent a reasonable expectation of student achievement at the time of testing, with questions in NAPLAN tests based mostly on the literacy and numeracy skills students have learnt from previous years of schooling. The standard will support higher expectations for student achievement and ensure students are gaining the important literacy and numeracy skills they will need throughout their lives.

The previous national minimum standard was that parents and carers could think that if their child was at that level, then everything is OK.



the proficiency standard, then being informed that their skills are still developing towards proficiency is important. also important to know if your

The new achievement levels are



Student reports will continue to show the national average and the range of achievement for the middle 60 per cent of students in their year level against these measures. Detailed information on the knowledge and skills being measured in each NAPLAN assessment will be made available on the NAP website.

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From 2023, NAPLAN tests will be held in Term 1, allowing results to be returned to systems, schools and parents/carers earlier in the year.

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