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Literacy and Numeracy for NCEA

Frequently Asked Questions

How does NCEA work?

- NCEA is the secondary school qualification in New Zealand.
- Students generally attempt Level 1 in Year 11, Level 2 in Year 12 and Level 3 in Year 13.
- Students earn credits by completing assessments.
- Assessments are graded not achieved, achieved, merit or excellence.
- In 2024, students will need to earn 60 credits plus the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisites to be awarded NCEA Level 1. This will be a change from what older siblings/friends have done up to 2023.

What is a co-requisite?

- A co-requisite is an assessment that needs to be successfully completed alongside earning credits from their subjects for students to be awarded NCEA qualifications.

Where can we find information about Literacy and Numeracy?

- [Literacy Guide for Families](#)
- [Numeracy Guide for Families](#)
- [NCEA website](#)
- Or ask your child's English and Maths teachers.

How does the Literacy assessment work?

- The Literacy assessment is in two parts – reading and writing.
- Both parts are digital (online) assessments completed on separate days.
- Students can be entered for one or both at a time.

How does the Numeracy assessment work?

- The Numeracy assessment is also a digital (online) assessment
- It is completed in one part.
- Students can be entered for numeracy and/or literacy in the same assessment session.

Where/when will the test be?

- In 2023, there are two assessment sessions
- The first session is the week of 12 – 16 June
- The second session is Week 4 of Term 4.

Why are some sitting these assessments now and not others?

- NZQA asks that we enter students when they are ready for the assessment.
- Based on aTTle testing and writing samples that students completed early in Term 1, we have selected the students we think are most ready.

- Other students will get a chance in the second session later in the year.
- We also have capacity limits in terms of wi-fi, devices and the number of students we can have in the hall.

When will we get the results?

- Last year we received the results approximately 8 weeks after the assessment.

Can students gain merit or excellence grades?

- No, the literacy and numeracy assessments are graded either achieved or not achieved.

Does my child need a device?

- The assessments are digital and completed on a device.
- We encourage students to bring their own devices where ever possible.
- We will gather information through tutor groups about students who will need to borrow a school device and make sure these are available.
- It's important that students bring their devices to school before the assessment day, so we can make sure there are no issues with logging on to the school network etc.

Do students have to do it?

- Yes. As Literacy and Numeracy are now co-requisites for NCEA, a students can not be awarded an NCEA qualification without completing these assessments.

Do I get credits?

- Yes. For 2023, as this is a transitional year, students will be awarded the following credits.
 - ❖ Numeracy 10 credits
 - ❖ Literacy – Reading 5 credits
 - ❖ Literacy – Writing 5 credits
- It is unclear at this stage whether these assessments will count for credits going forward after 2023.

What happens if students don't pass?

- If a student doesn't pass the assessment on the first attempt they have can have another go at the session later in the year, or indeed next year.

How long is the test?

- The assessments are intended to take most students about an hour although there is no time limit.
- We schedule 2 hour sessions to give students plenty of time.

- We usually keep students in the hall for the first hour of the session and then return them to class as they finish.