



JK-12 Curriculum Renewal: Report Cards

Info for students, parents/guardians trialling new curriculum



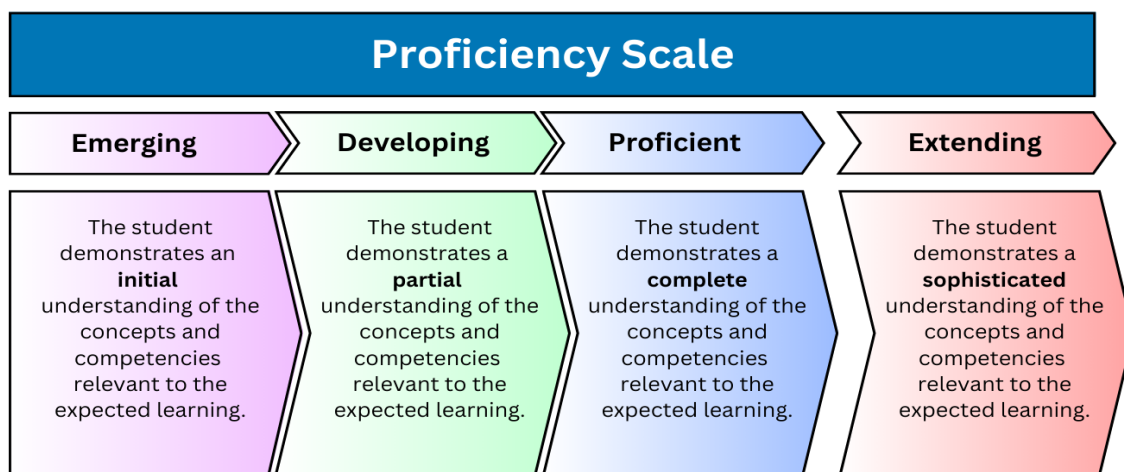
We are excited to gradually start introducing the new adapted curriculum in Northwest Territories (NWT) schools! We are adapting the Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 (JK-12) curriculum from British Columbia's over the next few years, and all NWT grades and classrooms should be using it by the 2027-28 school year.

This upcoming school year, grades 4, 5, 6 and some Grade 9 students (depending on the region/school) will start trialling the curriculum. If you/your child is in Grade 9, ask your school principal or teacher what to expect!

If you/your child is trialling the new curriculum, you may see changes to report cards this upcoming school year, as we also trial a new type of marking. Here's what you need to know!

[Grades and subjects trialling new curriculum in 2023-24](#)

Based on BC's model, the NWT will be using a "proficiency scale" to assess (or grade) students who are trialling the curriculum. This means, in some subjects, **instead of seeing a percentage or grade letter (i.e., %100 or A+) on a report card, you will see whether the student is *Emerging, Developing, Proficient or Extending*.**



Insufficient Evidence

The teacher does not have sufficient evidence in relation to the student's understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. Insufficient Evidence (IE) is temporary and indicates that further information is required before a student can be evaluated.

Proficient is the goal for all students. It means they fully understand.

Students come to school knowing different things at different levels. A student will likely be **Emerging** or **Developing** at some point during the school year, especially at the start, as they learn new ideas and skills. Or students may be **Proficient** at something right away, but that doesn't mean their learning stops!

For example, if a student is **Proficient** at their grade's reading level, they can deepen their learning by reading more difficult texts, or about new, more complicated subjects. This could put them at **Extending** on the proficiency scale.

This year, trialling students may see both types of grading on their report cards. For example, a Grade 5 student is trialling the new Math curriculum, but no other subjects; they will be marked on the proficiency scale for Math but receive a percentage/letter for all other subjects.

Descriptive feedback

Educators will also provide written comments, called '**descriptive feedback**,' on report cards for grades and subjects trialling the curriculum. These comments clearly explain how the student is doing, any areas they need to work on, and a plan moving forward. Teachers might also comment on the student's work habits, their behaviour in school, and their attendance. The feedback is expected to be short, easy to understand, and specific to the student.

Why are we using the proficiency scale?

When students receive percentage or letter grades, there is often a focus on the grade itself and comparing it with others, instead of focusing on *students' learning*. The scale, along with written feedback, will clearly tell you how a student is doing in school.

The proficiency scale lets you know where students are in their *overall* learning and what they need to work on. It allows for more meaningful conversations about students' progress.

Grades and subjects NOT trialling new curriculum in 2023-24

There will be **no** changes to the curriculum, grading, or report cards for Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, grades 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11 or 12 this year.

As those grades start trialling the curriculum in the coming years, there **will be** changes – parents/guardians and students will be kept up to date about what to expect! You can find out when each grade is scheduled to begin trialling the new curriculum here: ece.gov.nt.ca/curriculumrenewal

More information

If you have questions or comments, please email: nwtcurriculum_renewal@gov.nt.ca

You can find the latest information on curriculum renewal by visiting: ece.gov.nt.ca/curriculumrenewal
