



PCAP has two main purposes: to **investigate how prepared Grade 8/Secondary II students are for future academic challenges**, and to help policymakers make informed decisions about education across Canada.

The Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) measures the knowledge and skills of Grade 8 (in Quebec, Secondary II) Canadian students in three subjects: reading, mathematics, and science. PCAP 2027 will focus on reading (with fewer questions in mathematics and science). In preparation, in spring 2026, field testing of the new reading items will be carried out across Canada to ensure the validity of PCAP 2027. The field test consists of a 90-minute assessment and a 30-minute questionnaire on students' learning environment.



Approximately **30,000 students** in **close to 1,600 schools** from across the country will participate in PCAP 2027, and a sample of more than 2,600 students will participate in the PCAP field test this spring.



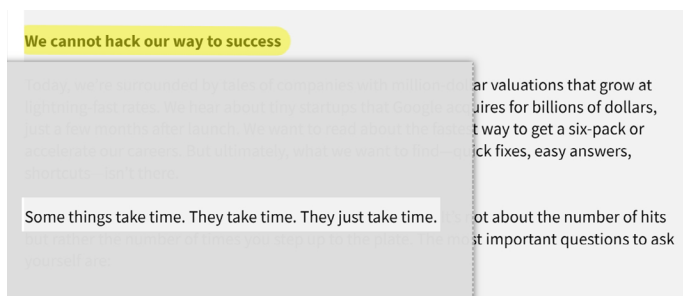
**PCAP 2027**  
**FIELD TEST**  
**PAN-CANADIAN**  
**ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

**No. Students do not need to prepare.** Regular classroom learning is sufficient. **Results do not affect individual grades** and are reported only at the national and provincial/territorial level.



PCAP is developed and reviewed by teachers from across the country to ensure appropriateness. PCAP has been tested for biases and has been found to be fair.

In the PCAP platform, students can use built-in tools like a line reader, highlighter, or a digital notepad. They can also adjust the background colour or font size in the assessment.



A screencap showing the highlighter and line reader tools being used during PCAP:

