

National tests in in upper-secondary education

Dear Student,

You will soon be taking the national test in one or more of the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Swedish or Swedish as a Second Language. Depending on the programme you are studying, you will be taking one or more national tests in each subject during your upper-secondary education.

The purpose of the tests is to help the teacher assess how successfully you have attained the knowledge requirements of each subject plan. The tests also help to ensure that all the students are assessed equally.

The course tests for the various courses and subjects are based on the content of the respective subject plan, as regards both how the tests are structured and assessed. Each student will have the possibility to show as much of their knowledge as possible.

It is not possible to test everything in a single test. Your results on the national test are part of the overall assessment that determines your final grade for the course. While the national test is an important part of the grading process, your teacher will perform an overall assessment of your knowledge.

English

Depending on which programme you are studying in your upper-secondary education, you will take the national test either in English 5 only or in both English 5 and English 6.

The English tests consist of parts that examine oral and written communication as well as reading and listening comprehension. The written part in English 6 includes preparatory material that you will work with before the test itself. However, you will not have access to the preparatory material during the test.

Swedish and Swedish as a Second Language

Depending on the programme you are studying during your upper-secondary education, you will be taking the national test in course 1 only or in both courses 1 and 3.

The test in Swedish 1 and Swedish as a Second Language 1 includes an oral task, a reading task and a written task.

The test in Swedish 3 and Swedish as a Second Language 3 contains two tasks, one written and one oral.

For both tests there is a photocopied sheet that explains how the tests are structured and what is expected of you as a student.

Mathematics

Depending on the programme you are studying during your upper secondary education, you will be taking national tests for one or more courses. The course tests consist of several sections. You will complete three of them on the day of the test, either with or without digital aids. A longer break for lunch between two of the sections is recommended.

Your teacher will give you more information

Your teacher on each course will provide information about the test dates, assessment and other test-related matters.

The Swedish National Agency for Education (Skolverket) is responsible for all national testing, but the tests are designed by various universities. The tasks included in the tests have been tried out at many schools across the country. Students and teachers have contributed their opinions and ideas, and the test's tasks have been adapted and discussed thoroughly before you take them.

We hope that you will find the course tests satisfactory and that they allow you to demonstrate your knowledge in the various subjects.

Contact people at the National Agency for Education

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