

To
Parents/guardians of pupils in year 6
of compulsory school and Sami school
or in year 7 of special school

National tests

Hi!

You are receiving this letter because you are the parent/guardian of a pupil who during this academic year will complete national tests in the subjects English, mathematics, Swedish and Swedish as a second language.

Why must the pupils complete the national tests?

Pupils in compulsory school and Sami school year 6, as well as those in special school year 7, must complete the national tests. The tests will support an equal and fair assessment of the pupils' knowledge. The tests will support teachers in the assessment and marking of the pupil's knowledge in line with the educational requirements at grade stages contained in the curricula.

The tests have been developed and constructed at several of the country's universities on behalf of the National Agency for Education. The tasks in the tests have been tested in many different schools around the country. Pupils and teachers have had the opportunity of giving their views, which have been taken into account when the tests were created.

The curricula for the different subjects form the basis of the content and formulation of the test. However, everything contained in one subject's curriculum can not be tested by one test. Such a test would be too extensive.

The national tests are not based on any type of working methods or any special teaching aids. In the test, the pupil will be able to show his/her knowledge in several different ways.

When will the test be conducted?

The national test is comprised of different parts. The verbal parts will be conducted during the autumn term, weeks 45-50. The school decides when the pupils will complete the tests. The written parts will be conducted during the spring term at set dates, which are decided by the National Education Agency. The tests are mandatory.

How is the test assessed?

There are detailed assessment directions the teacher has to follow for the national test. When the teacher later makes a total assessment of the pupil's knowledge in a subject the teacher will take into account the pupil's grade from the result of the test before setting a grade.

Collection of results

The National Agency for Education collects the results from the national tests in collaboration with the Central Bureau of Statistics (SCB). Collection of test results is required to assess the schools, but also for analysis of the results for the country, the local authorities and the owners of independent schools.

Mathematics

The national test in mathematics consist of various parts with written tasks that the pupils solve individually and verbal tests the pupils solve in small groups. Both the written and verbal tasks give the pupils the opportunity to show they can explain how they think mathematically.

Swedish and Swedish as a second language

The national test is common for both the Swedish subjects and consists of a number of parts. There are tasks the pupils must solve individually and in groups. By completing the various tasks the pupils are given the opportunity to show their knowledge within the areas of speech, conversation, reading and writing.

English

The National tests in English consists of four test parts. Through the various tasks in the test, the pupils are given the opportunity to show their knowledge in the use of English numbers and writing and their understanding of written and spoken English.

Where can you find more information?

More information regarding the national subject tests can be found on the website of the National Agency for Education

www.skolverket.se/bedomning

You can also find links to examples of tasks from the test.

Contact the National Agency for Education

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