

The Right Angle

Alberta Continues Participation in SAIP

In 1991, the provincial and territorial ministers of education, as the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), agreed to undertake the School Achievement Indicators Program (SAIP). Alberta Education is continuing its participation in the program with the assessment of mathematics knowledge and skills of 13- and 16-year-old students. In all, 220 Alberta schools were selected to participate—110 for 13 year olds and 110 for 16 year olds.

This assessment of mathematics knowledge and skills will provide us with an excellent opportunity to show the education community, as well as the general public, the effectiveness of our system with regard to the learning of this discipline. The assessment, which occurred between April 21–May 9, 1997, has two separate components: a mathematics-content component and a problem-solving component. Selected students took part in only one of the two components.

Previous SAIP assessments were conducted in mathematics in 1993, reading and writing in 1994, and science in 1996. CMEC plans the release of the assessment results in December 1997. The results will be compiled at the national and provincial levels. No results will be published at the school board or school level.

Classroom Assessment Materials Project

The Classroom Assessment Materials Project (CAMP) is a collection of 45 English and 35 French assessment packages for Grades 1–11 (excluding Grades 3, 6 and 9). Through the collaborative efforts of Alberta Education, The Alberta Teachers' Association, an advisory committee representing key education organizations and hundreds of Alberta principals, teachers and students, high-quality assessment packages in the four core subject areas are now available.

Assessment packages are available in English for the following:

- Grades 1, 2, 4 and 5 Mathematics. These materials are blueprinted to the Western Canadian Protocol Curriculum.
- Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics are delayed by one year. They will be blueprinted to the new curriculum.
- Mathematics 10, 20, 13, 23, 14, 24 and 31.

Assessment packages in French will be available in September.

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