

Information for Parents/Guardians
New Provincial Reporting Codes, Grades 1-8
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In Nova Scotia, the reporting codes A, B, C and D are used in grades 1-8 to represent a summary of student achievement to date. Recently, the province made refinements to these summary codes used in all subjects at these grade levels. Although the codes A, B, C and D themselves have not changed, the **descriptors** of these codes have been revised. Previously, reporting codes summarized the **quantity** of subject specific outcomes that were achieved by students during the reporting term.

Reporting Code	PREVIOUS (2012-2013) Reporting Descriptors for Grades 1–8
A	The student demonstrates achievement of the expected learning outcomes addressed during the current reporting period.
B	The student demonstrates achievement of most of the expected learning outcomes addressed during the current reporting period.
C	The student demonstrates achievement of some of the expected learning outcomes addressed during the current reporting period.
D	The student demonstrates achievement of few of the expected learning outcomes addressed during the current reporting period.

The revised summary reporting codes allow teachers to more accurately describe the **quality** of a student’s learning to date.

These improved codes now more clearly answer the question ‘**How well is my child doing?**’.

Reporting Code	NEW Reporting Descriptors for Grades 1–8 (Effective September 1, 2013)
A	The student demonstrates achievement with thorough understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the expected learning outcomes.
B	The student demonstrates achievement with good understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the expected learning outcomes.
C	The student demonstrates achievement with basic understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the expected learning outcomes.
D	The student demonstrates achievement with limited understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the expected learning outcomes. The student has not met expectations.
N/A	Not applicable at this time.
INS	Insufficient evidence to report on achievement of the expected learning outcomes.