



News release

Nunavut students to participate in School Achievement Indicators Program

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 24, 2001) – Nunavut students will participate in the 2001 School Indicators Program (SAIP) later this month.

Held every other year, SAIP measures the achievement of Canadian students in writing, reading, science or mathematics. This year Nunavut students, 13 and 16 years old, will write mathematic assessment tests. Results will be compared on both a national and territorial basis.

“The information gathered during the SAIP assessment helps us plan for the needs of our students,” Education Minister Peter Kilabuk said. “It is a very worthwhile initiative and I encourage all those students involved to participate fully.”

In the past, territorial students have participated in the SAIP assessment, but this is the first time they will be participating since the creation of Nunavut. The SAIP assessments will begin in late April and carry into May. There are two parts involved in the assessment: a content component and a problem-solving component. Each will take about two and a half hours for students to complete.

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