



## **For the parents**

### **Information about national tests in the Folkeskole**

Your child must take 10 national tests in the course of his/her school years. Each test lasts 45 minutes. The 10 tests are:

- Danish, reading at form levels 2, 4, 6 and 8
- Mathematics at form levels 3 and 6
- English at form level 7
- Geography, Biology and Physics/chemistry at form level 8.

All 10 tests can also be taken on a voluntary basis, if the school so decides. The voluntary tests can be taken at the form levels shown above, as well as at the form levels before and after. Each test can be taken three times at the most. There are also two tests in Danish as a second language, which will only be held on a voluntary basis.

### **The national tests are an assessment tool**

The national tests are a pedagogical tool that your child's teachers can use when planning teaching. The tests can also give you an indication of your child's progress in selected areas of the subjects.

The tests are one of several tools used during your child's schooling to provide an image of whether he or she is on the right course. Not everything in the subjects can be tested. The elements tested are selected parts of the subjects, which are suitable for computer-based tests.

The website [www.testogprøver.dk](http://www.testogprøver.dk) contains demo versions of all tests, which you may like to pit yourself against to gain an impression of the content of the tests.

### **The tests adapt to your child's academic level**

The exercises in the national tests adapt to your child's level, so that they get more difficult if your child has answered preceding exercises correctly, and easier if your child has given an incorrect answer to preceding exercises. All pupils will get exercises to which they can give correct answers, and exercises that they cannot answer correctly.

### **Parents will receive letters about results**

When your child has taken a test, you will receive brief, written feedback on the result. However, for the voluntary tests, the school may choose not to send the report to the parents.

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The teacher may choose to follow up on the test in a conversation with you about the results and your child's academic development. This could, for instance, be in connection with the parent-teacher consultation.

**What do the test results show?**

The results from the national tests can be shown in two different ways:

- In relation to a national average.
- In relation to academic levels.

When the report shows the test result in relation to the national average, you can see whether your child's result is significantly above average, above average, about average, below average or significantly below average.

When the report shows the test result in relation to academic levels, you can see whether your child's result is excellent, very good, good, fairly good, deficient or inadequate.

Only the results for tests in Danish, reading and mathematics can be shown in relation to academic levels. The school decides which report to provide.

**Test results are confidential**

Test results for pupils, classes, schools and municipalities are confidential. This means that the results must not be made public, and that only people who have an immediate need for the pupils' test results can gain access to them. This is partly because it should not be possible to make a public ranking of schools or municipalities based on the results.

**The national tests are compulsory**

The national tests are compulsory. This means that your child must complete the tests if he or she attends a school that is subject to the Folkeskole Act. The tests are also compulsory for pupils at special schools and in remedial classes.

Yours sincerely

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