

Information for parents and guardians on the Informal Competence Measurement (IKM) in winter semester 2021/22

Dear parents and guardians!

In November 2021, all **7th grade students will participate** in a survey on competencies in **German Reading, Mathematics and English Reading/Listening**. The IKM instrument - informal competence measurement -, which has been used for multiple years in a majority of schools, will be applied.

What is the IKM?

The IKM reliably assesses the learning level of 7th grade students in the areas of German Reading, Mathematics, and English Reading/Listening.

With the help of the IKM, teachers receive important information on the current level of learning academic level of the entire class as well as individual students in addition to their own observations and records. This provides a basis for teachers to derive important conclusions on the design of the current and the following school year and to provide targeted support to students in their further learning process.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, classroom operations during the school years 2019/20 and 2020/21 were shaped by major challenges. Therefore, the IKM offers important support for educators in 2021 by giving students renewed confidence, providing them with targeted support and, if necessary, catching up on lessons that have been cancelled.

When and how does the IKM in German Reading, Mathematics and English Reading/Listening take place?

- » Assessment period: **8 - 26 November, 2021** (dates to be determined by the school management)
- » Duration: approx. 1 lesson per competence area
- » The implementation is conducted by the respective subject teacher (German, Mathematics, English)
- » COVID-19: all currently applicable protective measures at the school are complied with

What happens to the results?

The teachers responsible for your child will receive the results directly after the examination and will reflect on them in conjunction with their own observations. Afterwards, you as the parent or

guardian have the opportunity to find out about your child's results in the child- parents-teacher meeting, to formulate learning goals and to agree on the next steps together with your child and the responsible teacher.

The results are used for **lesson planning** and **individual development of students**. They are not being taken into account in the performance assessment.

Data protection

In the implementation of the IKM by IQS, all legal requirements of the applicable data protection law are strictly adhered to. Further information on the subject of data protection can be found at <https://www.iqs.gv.at/services/datenschutzinformation/ikm-datenschutz> . If you have any questions about data protection, please contact datenschutz@iqs.gv.at .

Further information and contact details

To learn more about the IKM in the 2021 transition year, as well as future iKM^{PLUS} tools, visit

<https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/schule/bef/ikmplus.html>

<https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/schule/bef/ikmplus/ikm2021.html>

<https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/schule/bef/ikmplus/faq.html>

<https://www.iqs.gv.at/IKM>.