



# ÉPREUVES STANDARDISÉES

ÉPSTAN: 2024-2025

Presentation material for coordinators and teachers

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS** 



# WHAT ARE THE ÉPSTAN?

- School monitoring in primary and secondary schools that evaluates:
  - Key competences in different subjects (e.g., German, French, Mathematics achievement tests)
  - Central elements of the learning environment (e.g., class and school climate, motivation questionnaire)
- Legal basis (Loi du 6 février 2009 portant modification de la loi du 7 octobre 1993 ayant pour objet la création d'un SCRIPT)
- Educational Standards of the Luxembourgish curriculum as reference:
  - Evaluation whether the educational goals from the previous learning cycle were achieved by all students in the respective grade levels (C2.1, C3.1, C4.1, Grade 7 and Grade 9)
- ÉpStan systematically take student background characteristics into account:
  - Allows a fair performance comparison



# ÉPSTAN – IPS EXTENSION

- Stepwise extension of the ÉpStan to the International Public Schools:
  - Since 2022/2023 → Assessment of competences in mathematics (main test)
    - PI/Stage I, P3/Stage 3, P5/Stage 5 in primary school
    - S1/7<sup>e</sup> and S3/5<sup>e</sup> in secondary school



- Since 2024/2025 → Assessment of language competences in PI/Stage I (main test)
- Since 2024/2025 → Assessment of language competences in P3/Stage 3 (pretest)
- Student questionnaire in all grades participating in the ÉpStan
- Parent questionnaire in all primary school grades participating in the ÉpStan



#### PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

- Mandatory for all students in the following grades:
  - Primary school: P1, P3 and P5
  - Secondary school: \$1 (if a tablet is available) and \$3
- Students absent on the day of testing should be given the **opportunity to**take the test under standardized conditions on another date:
  - Supervision
  - Quiet space
  - Careful to use code and material according to your class list
- The same applies to the **student questionnaire**.



#### PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

- Children with low knowledge of the school language (primo-arrivants)
  - Students should always try to take the mathematics tests (language free, translations possible)
  - Case-by-case decision for the language tests based on linguistic abilities
  - Students can work on the booklets to not feel excluded without the answers being coded
- Children with visual or auditory disorders
  - Test material is adapted by the respective Centres de compétences
  - Tests are conducted separately if necessary
- Children with developmental disorders
  - Case-by-case decisions taken by the teacher and the Direction de région/school management
  - Non-participation should be registered in the coding masks (for primary school)







# MAINTEST AND PRETEST

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## TEST DATES

#### PI/Stage I:

<u>Date</u>	German Section	French Section	English Section
12.11	Mathematik Testheft 1	Mathématiques Livret I	Mathematics Test Booklet I
14.11	Mathematik Testheft II	Mathématiques Livret II	Mathematics Test Booklet II
19.11	Lëtzebuergesch Héierverstoen	Lëtzebuergesch Héierverstoen	Lëtzebuergesch Héierverstoen
21.11	-	Premiers pas vers l'écrit	-
26.11	Deutsch Hörverstehen	Compréhension orale en français	-
28.11	Pretest in einem der Fächer	Prétest dans un des domaines	Pretest in one of the subjects
06 28.11	Schülerfragebogen	Questionnaire-élève	Student questionnaire

# NEW: Language tests administered as main tests



## TEST DATES

#### P3/Stage 3:

<u>Date</u>	German Section	French Section	English Section
12.11	Mathematik Testheft 1	Mathématiques Livret I	Mathematics Test Booklet I
14.11	Mathematik Testheft II Mathématiques Livret II		Mathematics Test Booklet II
19.11	Pretest: Deutsch-Leseverstehen	Prétest: Compréhension écrite en français	-
21.11	Prétest: Compréhension orale en français		-
06 28.11	Schülerfragebogen	Questionnaire-élève	Student questionnaire





# **TEST DATES**

#### • **P5/Stage 5:**

<u>Date</u>	German Section	French Section	English Section
12.11	Mathematik Testheft 1	Mathématiques Livret I	Mathematics Test Booklet I
14.11	Mathematik Testheft II	Mathématiques Livret II	Mathematics Test Booklet II
06 28.11	Schülerfragebogen	Questionnaire-élève	Student questionnaire



## TEST BOOKLETS



Main tests are characterized by a

green ÉpStan logo on the booklets.



Pretests are characterized by an

orange ÉpStan logo on the booklets.



## TEST ADMINISTRATION MANUALS

- Via postal mail in the first few days after the All-Saints' Holidays
- Please check the material for completeness immediately after reception







- ➤ Combined manual for main test and pretest (one for PI/Stage I and one for P3/Stage 3)
- Main test manual for P5/Stage 5
- Student questionnaire manual for each grade
- Available in DE, FR and ENG

Test administration manual:

Main test and pretest

Administration manual for

the student questionnaire



# NO FEEDBACK ON PRETEST RESULTS

Purpose of the pretests:

The pretests **evaluate tasks** that have been validated in the student population of schools following the Luxembourgish curriculum regarding their **content fit, format, and feasibility** in students attending International Public Schools.

- Focus on the evaluation of the tasks and their psychometric validation:
  - Pretest performance is not included in the ÉpStan results
  - No feedback on pretest results



## LANGUAGE TEST SPECIFICITIES

- Early literacy & listening comprehension skills: Assessed via audio file
- The audio file is streamed via the LUCET test platform: <a href="http://cbt.epstan.lu">http://cbt.epstan.lu</a>



- > Access will be activated on the test date
- Login information can be found in the test manual
- Demo version available to test sound quality
- > Possibility to request data carriers in case of bad quality

Teachers speaking the respective language should ideally be present!



## MAIN AND PRETEST EVALUATION

- Teachers are doing the correction of the tests via digital coding masks
  - Intuitive in use
  - Short instruction video included in the digital coding masks



- > Access via the QR code or http://coding.epstan.lu
- Can be used on computers and other digital devices
- > Coding rules are in the test administration manual



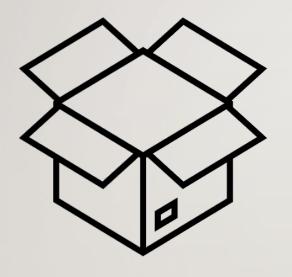
# FEEDBACK ON ÉPSTAN RESULTS

#### Feedback on four different levels:

<u>Report</u>	Target population	<u>Content</u>
<b>Student</b> report	<ul><li>Classroom teacher</li><li>Students</li><li>Parents</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Individual student results</li> <li>National mean of the respective cycle (in schools following the Luxembourgish curriculum)</li> </ul>
Class report	Classroom teacher	<ul><li>Individual student results</li><li>Class results</li><li>Comparison with national results</li></ul>
School report	<ul><li>School presidents</li><li>Direction de région</li><li>SCRIPT</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Results at school level</li> <li>Comparison with national results</li> <li>NO information on: <ul> <li>individual students or classes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
National results	<ul> <li>General public via: <u>https://dashboard.epstan.lu</u></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Results at national level</li> <li>NO information on: <ul> <li>individual students, classes or schools</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



# RETURN OF THE ÉPSTAN MATERIAL





Bitte werfen Sie den ÉpStan-Karton nicht weg!

Sie benötigen den Karton, um die Testhefte an das LUCET zurückzuschicken. Weitere Informationen finden Sie im Manual "Durchführung der ÉpStan".



Veuillez ne pas jeter la boîte ÉpStan!

Vous aurez besoin de la boîte pour renvoyer les livrets de test au LUCET. Vous trouverez plus d'informations dans le manuel « Administration des ÉpStan ».



Please do **not throw away** the ÉpStan box!

You will need the box to return the test booklets to the LUCET. Further information can be found in the "Administration of the ÉpStan" manual.



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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- In the various manuals, you will find additional information on topics such as:
  - Insufficient or incomplete test material
  - The return of the ÉpStan material to the university
  - The usage of the digital coding masks
  - How to encounter potential technical problems that could arise during the testing
  - General information on the ÉpStan and the assessed competencies

If you have any questions that are not answered here or in the manuals, please contact us by e-mail info@epstan.lu or by telephone 46 66 44 9777.







#### INFORMATION FOR COORDINATORS

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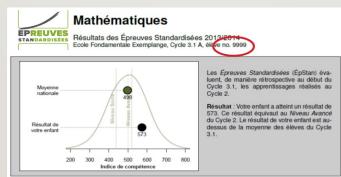
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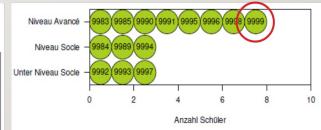


## DATA PROTECTION

- **Pseudonymization procedure** in compliance with GDPR guidelines
- For each test, each student receives a unique numerical code
  - University only uses this code when evaluating the test and questionnaire data
  - No conclusions on the identity of individual students can be drawn









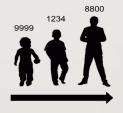
NEW: 5-digit code from 2024/2025 onwards



#### DATA PROTECTION – TRUSTED THIRD PARTY

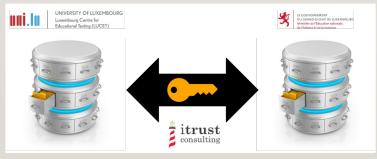
- In addition, each students is given a constant, unique identifier:
  - Allows to follow students longitudinally without compromising their anonymity







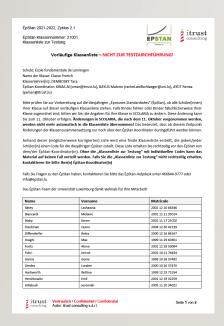
- Trusted Third Party is doing the secure matching of these identifiers:
  - Neither the LUCET nor the Ministry have access to the test results of individual students

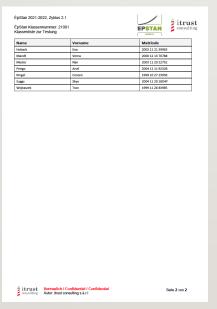




#### PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATION: PHASE I

- Download the preliminary class list by the 4th of October: http://epstan-ttp.itrust.lu
- Distribute preliminary class list to the teachers for them to check for accuracy





- Changes made by teachers in SCOLARIA
- Daily data transfer to the TTP platform
- Updates are highlighted for coordinators
- Last data transfer on the 10th of October

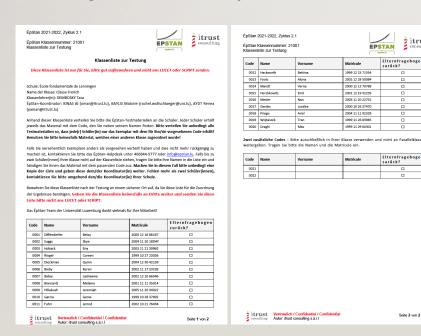


#### PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATION: PHASE II

- Download the final class list as of the I I th October: http://epstan-ttp.itrust.lu
- Distribute final class list to the teachers until the 25th of October at the latest

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If changes are necessary, teachers need to inform you!



- ➤ Make the necessary changes in the TTP portal and in SCOLARIA
- Download the new list and transfer to teacher.
- Up to one missing student:

No additional material is sent. Registration in TTP (and SCOLARIA) can be done before, during or after the test period, however, we recommend short-term corrections. A revision of the lists after the test period is necessary.

More than one missing student:

Registration in TTP (and SCOLARIA) as soon as possible as we need to send additional material!



# Thank you for your support!

