



ÉPREUVES STANDARDISÉES

ÉPSTAN: 2023-2024

Online information session for coordinators and teachers

IPS PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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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 mathematics in all grade levels (main test)
 - P1/Stage 1, P3/Stage 3, P5/Stage 5 in primary school
 - S1/7e and S3/5e in secondary school
 - Since 2023/2024 → Assessment of language competences in PI/Stage I (pretest)
 - Selection of pretests depends on the language section
 - Student questionnaire in all grades participating in the ÉpStan
 - Parent questionnaire in all primary school grades participating in the ÉpStan







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MAIN TESTS

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TEST DATES FOR THE MAIN TESTS

Paper-pencil based tests and student questionnaire in primary school:

<u>Date</u>	All primary school grades (PI, P3 and P5)	
14.11.2023	Mathematics Test Booklet I (in the language of the respective section)	
16.11.2023	Mathematics Test Booklet II (in the language of the respective section)	
07.11. – 28.11.2023	Student questionnaire (in the language of the respective section)	



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





Available for each:

- **▶ Grade** (PI, P3, P5)
- Language section (DE, FR, ENG)

Main test

Student questionnaire



FEEDBACK ON ÉPSTAN RESULTS

Feedback on four different levels:

<u>Report</u>	Target population	<u>Content</u>
Student report	Classroom teacherStudentsParents	Individual student resultsNational mean of the respective cycle
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PRETESTS

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TEST DATES FOR THE PRETESTS IN PI

Different pretests depending on the language section:

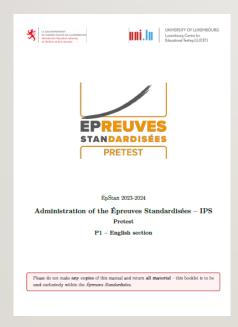
<u>Date</u>	German Section	French Section	English Section
14.11	Mathematics Test Booklet I	Mathematics Test Booklet I	Mathematics Test Booklet I
16.11	Mathematics Test Booklet II	Mathematics Test Booklet II	Mathematics Test Booklet II
21.11	Lëtzebuergesch Héierverstoen	Lëtzebuergesch Héierverstoen	Lëtzebuergesch Héierverstoen
23.11	Éischt Schrëtt zur Schrëftsprooch	Premiers pas vers l'écrit	-
28.11	Deutsch Hörverstehen	Compréhension orale	-
07 28.11	Student questionnaire	Student questionnaire	Student questionnaire

Pretests are currently only administered in P1!



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Language section (DE, FR, ENG)

Pretest



PRETEST SPECIFICITIES

- Language skills in the pretest(s) are assessed by the means of an audio file
- The audio file is streamed via the LUCET test platform: http://cbt.epstan.lu



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

Teachers speaking the pretest language should ideally be present!



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







MAIN AND PRETEST EVALUATION

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- 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
- > Rules for coding can be found in the respective manuals:
 - Mathematics: main test manual
 - Language skills: pretest manual







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TEST DATES FOR THE MAIN TESTS

- Secondary school exact dates set by ÉpStan coordinators:
 - <u>Tablet-based test and student questionnaire</u> in **SI**:
 - Half a morning between 27th of November and 8th of December
 - Alternatively, test dates from the 6th of November onwards are possible
 - Computer-based test and student questionnaire in S3:
 - Half a morning between 6th of November and 8th of December

Sample schedule for one class	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Time</u>
Preparation (information about ÉpStan, test instructions, logging in)	20 minutes	e.g., 08:00 – 08:20
Competency test in mathematics	45 minutes	e.g., 08:20 – 09:05
Break	10 minutes	e.g., 09:05 – 09:15
Student questionnaire	20 minutes	e.g., 09:15 – 09:35

TEST ADMINISTRATION MANUALS

- ÉpStan coordinators received the needed material via e-mail
 - Distribution of material to test administrators and subject teachers



Manual for test administrators



Information for subject teachers

Available for each:

- **▶ Grade** (\$1,\$3)
- Language section (DE, FR, ENG)

As the tests are tablet- (SI) or computer-based (S3) in secondary school, the student answers are directly saved on our servers.

No manual coding is needed!



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GENERAL INFORMATION

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PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

- Mandatory for all students in the following grades:
 - Primary school: P1, P3 and P5
 - Secondary school: \$1 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 pretests 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)



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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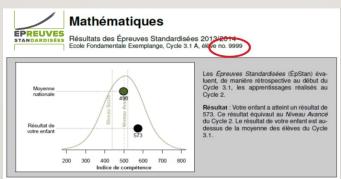
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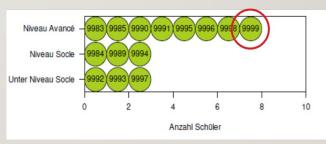


DATA PROTECTION

- 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



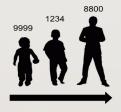




DATA PROTECTION – TRUSTED THIRD PARTY

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







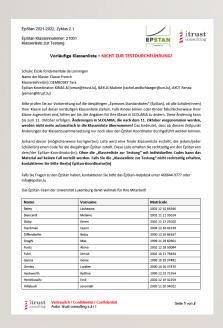
- Trusted Third Party is doing the secure matching of these identifiers:
 - Neither the LUCET nor the Ministry have access to the test results of individual students

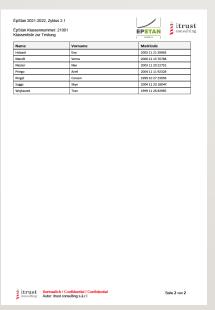




COORDINATOR TASKS: PHASE I - PRIMARY

- Download the preliminary class list as of 2nd of October: http://epstan-ttp.itrust.lu
- Distribute preliminary class list to the teachers for them to check for accuracy



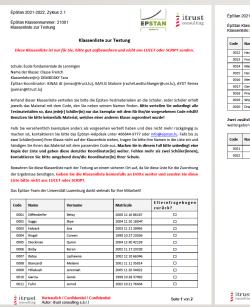


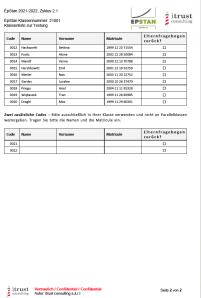
- Changes made by teachers in SCOLARIA
- ➤ Daily data transfer to the TTP platform
- Updates are highlighted for coordinators
- Last data transfer on the 9th of October



COORDINATOR TASKS: PHASE II - PRIMARY

- Download the final class list as of 10th October: http://epstan-ttp.itrust.lu
- Distribute final class list to the teachers until 28th of October at the latest
- 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!



COORDINATOR TASKS: SECONDARY

- Register test dates for SI and S3 classes by the 20th of October 2023
 - http://timetable.epstan.lu
- Reserve computer labs (S3) and tablets for non-iPad-classes (S1)
- Ensure that computers and tablets are functioning properly
- Download and print the login sheets until the 27th of October 2023
 - http://epstan-ttp.itrust.lu
- Assign test supervisors and hand over test materials by 27th of October 2023
- Distribute information letters and class lists to subject teachers and regent(e)s by 27th of October 2023
- Add missing students in the TTP Portal by the end of 22nd of December 2023



Thank you for your support!