Foundation Skills Assessment Variables

Edudata holds BC Ministry of Education data from 1995 onwards, and helps researchers, educators, and policy makers to access, analyze, and make use of that information.

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Variable	Definition
Subject	The subject of the assessment.
FSA Grade Level	The grade level of the assessment.
FSA Language	The language the assessment was delivered in.
FSA session	The session in which the student wrote the FSA.
Age at FSAs	Student's age when writing the FSA.
Student FSA Grade Level	Student's grade at the time of the FSA.
Multiple Choice Participation	Whether the student attempted the multiple choice portion of the assessment.
Open ended participation	Whether the student attempted the open ended questions.
Percentage Score	The student's score as a percentage of possible marks.
Raw Score	The sum of the student's correct answers.
Scaled Score	The student's score scaled against other test takers.
Three point scale	Whether the student met, did not meet or exceeded expectations.
Excused Flag	Whether the student was excused from the FSA. (Only exists before 2007/2008 school year.)
District Written	What district the student wrote the assessment at. (Though often the same, this is not necessarily the district in which the student is enrolled.)
School Written	What school the student wrote the assessment at. (Though often the same, this is not necessarily the school in which the student is enrolled.)

