

2022 phonics screening check summary

The phonics screening check is administered to all year 1 students in South Australian public schools.

It is a short, simple assessment of 40 words. It helps teachers measure how well students are learning to decode and blend letters into sounds. Words at the beginning of the check are the simplest and then become increasingly complex.

Key findings

The 2022 data shows consistent performance for all student cohorts when compared with 2021 results.

- 68% of year 1 students scored at or above the expected achievement score (decoding 28 words or more out of 40). This is an improvement of 1 percentage point from 2021.
- 69% of females scored at or above the expected achievement score compared to 67% of males.
- 40% of Aboriginal students scored at or above the expected achievement score. This is an improvement of 2 percentage points from 2021.
- 41% of students with a verified disability scored at or above the expected achievement score. This is an improvement of 4 percentage points from 2021.
- 71% of students identified as speaking English as an additional language or dialect scored at or above the expected achievement score. This is consistent with 2021.
- 70% of students from metropolitan schools scored at or above the expected achievement compared to 62% from non-



