

Testing

A critical component of meeting students' needs depends on knowing where students are in relation to their current skills and abilities. This understanding is determined through multiple measures acquired from diagnostic assessments. Students in grades K-4 are tested in the areas of math and reading using a program called Aimsweb. This program provides information for essential skills needed for academic success. Teachers may also give a Scholastic Reading Inventory assessment to gain information of students' Lexile levels so students are reading books appropriate for their level of ability. The results of these assessments are shared at parent-teacher conferences.

All Kindergarten students are required to be administered the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. This test is created by the Ohio Department of Education and looks at a variety of skills that are needed for academic success at the kindergarten level. The results of this assessment is a parent report provided by ODE and are sent home by the school.

All students in grades 3 and 4 will take State tests in ELA and Math. Grade 3 only will give the ELA test twice, once in the Fall and Spring. State achievement tests tell us how well our students are growing in the knowledge and skills outlined in Ohio's Learning Standards. These tests help guide and strengthen future teaching so we can be sure that we are preparing our students for long-term success in school, college, careers and life. Test results also allow citizens to know how their local schools are performing compared to others around the state. **The ELA test is approximately 90 minutes and requires 2 sessions to complete. The Math test is approximately 75 minutes and also requires 2 sessions to complete. The results of these assessments is a parent report provided by ODE and are sent home by the school.**

See the following website from the Ohio Department of Education that explains student participation in state testing.

<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Testing/Sections/Resources/Student-participation.pdf.aspx> (last updated 3-2017)

For additional information regarding Board Testing Policies, click on the Board of Education link on the school's home page, then click on the link Board Policy Manual. Testing Policies are IL and IL-R.