



Elementary Common Assessments Parent Information Sheet



2023-2034 School Year

For grades 1–5, Common assessments (indicated with an asterisk *) will be included as a product grade and will count as 10% of the grade for the quarter in which they are administered. No students will receive less than a 50% for the assessment unless they make no attempt. MCAP, MISA, i-Ready and any screening assessments are not used as a report card grade.

Grade Level	Assessment	Purpose	Window for Administration
Prekindergarten	Preschool Early Literacy Indicators (PELI)	Measures vocabulary and oral language development	October February May
	Heggerty Phonemic Awareness	Screens for development of phonemic awareness including onset fluency, blending and segmenting syllables, blending and segmenting onset and rime	October February May
	Math Checkpoint	Measures mastery of key math standards that have been taught	December April
Kindergarten	Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)	Measure school readiness in four domains; language and literacy, mathematics, social foundations, physical development, and well-being	August 29- October 10
	Acadience Reading	Screeners and progress monitoring assessment that measures the acquisition of early literacy skills that are essential to becoming a proficient reader. Also used to identify students who are at-risk for reading difficulties and determine the skills to target for instructional support	October January May
	Initial Language Assessment	Measures literacy skills including letter identification, concepts of print, hearing sounds in words, and rhyming	November January March May
	Illustrative Math Unit Assessments	Measures the student's understanding of the key concepts of the unit	November, February

Grades 1 - 5	i-Ready	Computer adaptive assessment in reading and mathematics that measures a student's growth across the year based on grade level standards in reading and math.	September January May
Grade 1	Illustrative Math Unit Assessments *	Measures the student's understanding of the key concepts of the unit. Problems vary in difficulty and depth of knowledge.	October, February
	Into Reading Module Assessments *	Measure the student's knowledge of the standards and reading strategies that have been taught.	February, April
Grade 2	Illustrative Math Unit Assessments *	Measure the student's understanding of the key concepts of the unit. Problems vary in difficulty and depth of knowledge.	October, February
	Into Reading Module Assessments *	Measure the student's knowledge of the standards and reading strategies that have been taught.	March, April
	CogAT	Screens for Gifted Identification (Cognitive Abilities Test)	November - December
Grade 3	Illustrative Math Unit Assessments *	Measure the student's understanding of the key concepts of the unit while also preparing students for new-generation standardized exams. Problems vary in difficulty and depth of knowledge.	October, February, June
	Science Benchmarks *	Measures student understanding of key science content and skills.	November February
	Social Studies Benchmarks *	Uses relevant content topics to measure students' application of key grade level Social Studies skills.	January May
	Into Reading Module Assessments *	Measure the student's knowledge of the standards and reading strategies that have been taught.	October, December, March
	MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program)	State mandated Reading, Writing and Math computer assessment to measure progress towards mastery of grade level standards.	May

Grade 4	Illustrative Math Unit Assessments *	Measure the student's understanding of the key concepts of the unit while also preparing students for new-generation standardized exams. Problems vary in difficulty and depth of knowledge.	October, February, June
	Science Benchmarks *	Measures student understanding of key science content and skills.	November February
	Social Studies Benchmarks *	Uses relevant content topics to measure students' application of key grade level Social Studies skills.	January May
	Into Reading Module Assessments *	Measure the student's knowledge of the standards and reading strategies that have been taught.	October, December, March
	MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program)	State mandated Reading, Writing and Math computer assessment to measure progress towards mastery of grade level standards.	May
Grade 5	Illustrative Math Unit Assessments *	Measure the student's understanding of the key concepts of the unit while also preparing students for new-generation standardized exams. Problems vary in difficulty and depth of knowledge.	October, December, June
	Science Benchmarks *	Measures student understanding of key science content and skills.	November February
	Social Studies Benchmarks *	Uses relevant content topics to measure students' application of key grade level Social Studies skills.	January May
	Into Reading Module Assessments *	Measure the student's knowledge of the standards and reading strategies that have been taught.	October, December, March
	MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program)	State mandated Reading, Writing and Math computer assessment to measure progress towards mastery of grade level standards.	May
	MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment)	Measures student understanding of all elementary science standards.	March