



# Ashland Independent School District

*"A Tradition of Excellence"*

Parents have the right to request information regarding any state and district policy regarding student participation in mandatory assessments and the district will provide this information in a timely fashion. Requests for state and Ashland Independent School's assessment policies can be submitted to:

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Please note that districts in Kentucky are not permitted to honor a parent's request to opt-out of statewide testing. Additional information is available in the Kentucky Department of Education [Testing Opt-out Message](#).

Beginning in 1990, Kentucky chose to have an all-inclusive assessment system by having all Kentucky public school students participate in annual testing with the results of those assessments included in the state's accountability system for schools and districts. Kentucky tests students on various subjects beginning in grade 3. On average, administering Kentucky's state-level assessments takes less than one percent (1%) of the total instructional time in a given school year. The following assessments are required in Kentucky. More information on state-required assessments can be found on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE's) [Assessments webpage](#).

- [Kentucky Summative Assessment \(KSA\)](#) and [Alternate KSA](#)
- [The ACT](#)
- [ACCESS for ELLs](#)
- [Common Kindergarten Entry Screener \(K SCREEN\)](#)

Ashland Independent Schools requires the following assessments:

- [Iowa Assessments](#)
  - Grades 2 – 6
  - Reading, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
  - A diagnostic assessment for benchmarking student achievement and growth over time
- [CogAT Assessment](#)
  - Grades 3 and 6
  - Verbal, Quantitative and Figural/Nonverbal reasoning
  - To provide insight to students' readiness to demonstrate creative, problem-solving skills and ability to reason
- [iReady Assessments](#)
  - Grades K – 8
  - Reading and Mathematics
  - A diagnostic assessment to identify what students know and what supports they need for further achievement