



To: All Hogsett Primary, Toliver Intermediate, and Bate Middle, Parents/ Guardians

From: Danville Independent Schools

Date: August 1, 2025

Re: Testing Transparency

Parents' Right to Know: Testing Transparency

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We want to make sure you understand your rights as a parent/guardian when it comes to school testing/assessment. This information is required by a federal law called the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** and is specifically addressed in sections 1112(e)(2)(A)-(B).

If your child goes to a school that receives Title I, Part A funds, you have the right to know about tests your child may be required to take and your rights around those tests.

1. Your Right to Ask About Testing Policies

You can ask your school district for information about:

- Rules about student testing
- Whether your child is required to take the tests
- Whether you can opt your child out of testing (Please note: In **Kentucky**, parents **cannot** [opt their child out of state testing](#).)

Danville Independent Schools will give you this information in a timely way. To request this information, contact:

Wayne Stevens
Data Coordinator
wayne.stevens@danville.kyschools.us

2. Information About Each Assessment

Danville Independent Schools will continue to share information about each assessment through the district website, individual school websites, and through other electronic communications.

For each required test, the following will be shared:

- **The subject** (example: math, reading)
- **The reason for the test** (example: to measure student learning)
- **Who requires the test** (state, federal government, or the district)
- **If available:**
 - How long the test takes
 - When the test will be given
 - When and how test scores will be shared with families

3. State Testing in Kentucky

Since 1990, **all** public school students in Kentucky have taken part in yearly state tests. These tests help the state measure how schools and students are doing.

Content-specific tests/assessments begin in 3rd grade while others may begin earlier. On average, students spend less than 1% of the school year taking state tests.

State tests required in Kentucky include:

- **Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) and Alternate KSA**
- **Postsecondary Readiness Assessment (e.g., ACT, SAT)**
- **ACCESS for ELLs** (for students learning English)
- **Kindergarten Entry Screener (K SCREEN)**

For more information, visit the **Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)** website or check their [Assessments page](#).

4. Local (District) Tests

In addition to state tests, Danville Independent Schools requires specific assessments. This helps schools better understand how students are learning and where they might need help.

Danville Independent Schools will continue to share:

- The name of each test
- The grades that take the test
- The subjects being tested
- The purpose of the test (why it's given)

Below is a list of assessments/tests that are required in Danville Independent Schools:

Assessment Name: [iReady](#)

Grades: K-9

Subjects: Reading and Math

Purpose: It provides an academic screener, measures growth, and provides diagnostic information; it includes information about students' strengths and needs for reading and math. Students are tested three times per year.

Assessment Name: [Student Numeracy Assessment and Practice \(SNAP\)](#)

Grades: K-1

Subject: Math

Purpose: It provides information on a student's number sense. Teachers evaluate students individually, allowing them to gather information regarding each student's strengths, needs, and mathematical growth. The test is given three times yearly (fall, winter, and spring).

Assessment Name: [Benchmark Assessment System \(BAS\)](#)

Grades: K-1

Subject: Reading

Purpose: It provides the students' reading levels. Teachers test students individually, allowing them to gather information regarding each student's strengths and needs and measure growth in reading levels. Kindergarten students take the BAS in the winter and spring, whereas first graders take it three times yearly (fall -winter- spring).

Assessment Name: [Amira](#)

Grades: 2-5

Subject: Reading

Purpose: It provides a reading diagnostic test for all grades 2nd-3rd and 4th-5th students who scored below proficiency on the Kentucky Summative Assessment or iReady screener, giving teachers additional information on students' basic reading abilities, including screening data for Dyslexia. Students take it three times yearly (fall-winter-spring).

Questions?

If you have questions or want to learn more:

- Contact your child's school or the district office
- Ask to see test schedules or policies
- Visit the school or district website for updates

We believe that parents and families have the right to know how their children are being tested and how that information is used to support learning.

Sincerely,

Danville Independent Schools