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Dear Mount Pleasant Families,

As was shared earlier this fall, students in grades K-10 took the Star Universal Screening Benchmark Assessment in *Reading* and *Math* (in addition to *Early Literacy* at Hawthorne) for the first time in October. These assessments replaced both Aimsweb Plus and MAP. The Star Assessment is administered three times annually in the fall, winter, and spring, providing teachers with individualized data for each child in their classroom in both reading/literacy and math. The assessments are computer-based and adjust in difficulty. Using the results from the initial administration, our faculty have begun to analyze students' performance to adjust their instruction.

We are pleased to share that the results from our fall administration of the Star Assessments are now available in the [Parent Portal](#) in the form of a "Parent Report," which includes the following specific information about your child, as defined by Star:

- ❖ A *Scaled Score* (SS) is useful for comparing student performance over time and across grades. A scaled score is calculated based on the difficulty of questions and the number of correct responses.
- ❖ A *Percentile Rank* (PR) is a norm-referenced score that provides a measure of a student's ability compared to other students in the same grade nationally. The percentile rank score, which ranges from 1 to 99, indicates the percentage of other students nationally who scored at or below a particular student's score.
- ❖ An *Instructional Reading Level* (IRL) is calculated after a student completes the Star Reading test; it is a criterion-referenced score representing the highest reading level at which a student is 80% proficient (or higher) in comprehending material with assistance.
- ❖ Star Reading provides a *Zone of Proximal Development* (ZPD) for each student who has been tested. The ZPD is approximate, and teachers use it to adjust the level of books assigned to match an individual student's needs and interests.

While we believe the Star Assessment is valuable to our teachers and families, please remember that this is just one of many ways your child is assessed. We always look at multiple measures to develop a full picture of student performance and progress. Please contact your child's school if you have any questions after reviewing your child's reports, which will also be posted following the winter administration in January/February and the spring administration in May/June. The next page provides detailed information about how to access your child's Star Assessment in the [Parent Portal](#).

Sincerely,



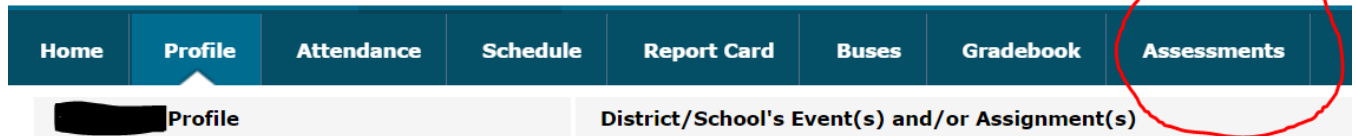
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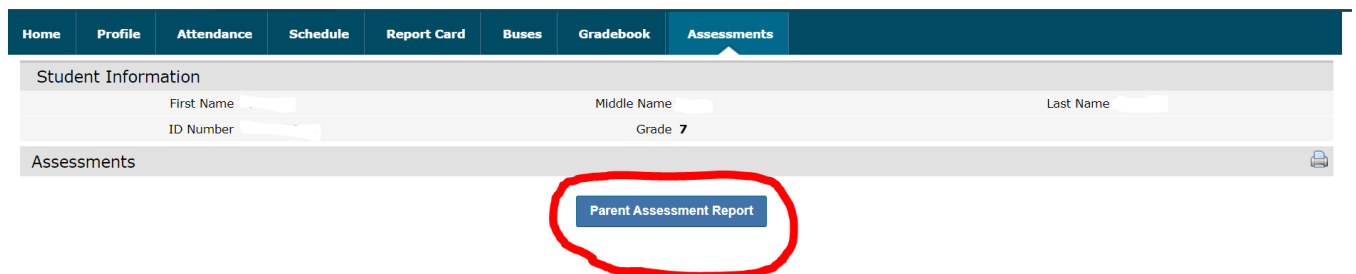
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Follow the guidelines below to access your child's report:

- Log in to your [Parent Portal](#)
- Under "My Student(s)," select the ID Number of your student.
- Your child's profile will open in the window. Select the **ASSESSMENTS** tab.



- A new window will open and you will select **PARENT ASSESSMENT REPORT**.



- Once you click on the link, a separate window will open with the following message:

