



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This letter serves as an annual notification regarding assessments your child may take as part of their educational experience this school year. This list includes district or state assessments in which your student may be asked to participate; however, standard classroom assessments are not listed. Additionally, administration of these assessments may vary by student based on individual needs.

Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher, building administrator, or me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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GRADE LEVELS TESTED AND TIMING

| Middle School | GRADE LEVELS TESTED | | | TIME OF YEAR | | |
|--|---------------------|---|---|--------------|--------|--------|
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | Fall | Winter | Spring |
| ELA & Math State Assessment | ● | ● | ● | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Science State Assessment | | | ● | | | ◆ |
| Social Studies State Assessment | | ● | | | ◆ | |
| FASTtrack Reading | ● | ● | ● | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| iReady Math Diagnostic or FASTtrack Math | | | ● | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| iReady Math Diagnostic | ● | ● | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| PSAT 8 (optional) | | | ● | | ◆ | |

Please go to the next page for a description of each test.

| Test(s) | Description |
|---------------------------------|---|
| ELA & Math State Assessment | The Kansas State Assessments fall under the umbrella of the Kansas Assessment Program or KAP. Students in grades 6-8 participate in the ELA and math state assessments, which measure student mastery of state standards. |
| Science State Assessment | The Kansas State Assessments fall under the umbrella of the Kansas Assessment Program or KAP. All 8 th graders participate in the science state assessment, which measures a student's mastery of state science standards. |
| Social Studies State Assessment | The Social Studies State Assessment falls under the umbrella of the Kansas Assessment Program or KAP. All 7 th graders participate in this assessment; however, it is not a traditional state assessment, as it looks/feels more like a project, and is embedded into the 7 th grade Social Studies curriculum. |
| FASTtrack Reading | <p>Students in grades 6-8 participate in the FASTtrack Reading assessment three times per year. The test provides teachers with specific information regarding a student's strengths and weaknesses. In middle school, FASTtrack Reading also serves as our reading screener. This means that students scoring below particular benchmarks on this test may be asked to complete further testing.</p> <p>NOTE: This replaces MAP Reading testing, as FASTtrack Reading provides students with a quicker testing experience and teachers with more actionable suggestions.</p> |
| iReady Math Diagnostic | Middle school students in 6 th grade, 7 th grade, and 8 th grade integrated math complete diagnostic testing three times per year as a supplement to our primary math resource (iReady). The diagnostic test provides teachers with specific information regarding student strengths and weaknesses relative to the Blue Valley math curriculum. |
| FASTtrack Math | 8 th grade Algebra 1 students complete FASTtrack Math three times per year. This provides teachers with specific information regarding a student's strength and weaknesses. |
| PSAT 8 (optional) | 8 th graders in Blue Valley have the option of participating in the PSAT 8/9. The test measures student performance in ELA and math and is a practice test for students who are strongly interested in taking the PSAT during their junior year of high school, which can lead to entry into the National Merit Scholarship Competition. |

Where did MAP testing go?

Blue Valley has discontinued using MAP testing. Instead, the combination of FASTtrack Reading and either the iReady Math Diagnostic or FASTtrack Math will produce comparable parent reports, provide students with shorter testing experiences, and provide teachers with more actionable information.