



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

Elementary School	GRADE LEVELS TESTED						TIME OF YEAR		
	K	1	2	3	4	5	Fall	Winter	Spring
ELA & Math State Assessment				●	●	●			◆
Science State Assessment						●			◆
Social Studies State Assessment					●			◆	
Acadience	●	●	●	●	●	●	◆	◆	◆
iReady Math Diagnostic	●	●	●	●	●	●	◆	◆	◆
FASTbridge aReading			●	●	●	●	◆	◆	◆

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 3-5 participate in the ELA and math state assessments, which measure student learning relative to state standards.
Science State Assessment	The Kansas State Assessments fall under the umbrella of the Kansas Assessment Program or KAP. 5 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 4 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 4 th grade Social Studies curriculum.
Acadience	Students complete Acadience testing three times per year. Acadience testing is quick and provides evidence as to whether students are on track with their literacy skills or in need of further support. Acadience is our literacy screening assessment, so students who score below particular benchmarks will qualify for additional testing.
iReady Math Diagnostic	All students complete math 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.
FASTbridge aReading	Students in grades 2-5 participate in FASTbridge aReading testing three times per year. This is a measure of broad reading ability and is individualized for each student. While Acadience provides quick measures on specific, fundamental reading skills, aReading provides broader evidence as to how students are progressing in their overall reading journey.

Where did MAP testing go?

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