



Academic Services

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.

Student scores are typically available in ParentVue at the conclusion of the district testing window in Fall, Winter, and Spring. You will receive an email from Adam Wade notifying you when this data is available for viewing.

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	●	●	●	◆	◆	◆
PSAT 8 (optional)			●	◆		

Descriptions follow on the next page.

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: FASTtrack Reading consists of two different tests – AUTOREading and aReading.</p>
iReady Math Diagnostic	Middle school 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.
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.