

## Student Assessments Given by Guthrie Public Schools

Dear Parents,

We are dedicated to providing students the most optimal learning environment where individual growth can be achieved and monitored. Teachers give assessments to all students from Pre-K to the High School. Below, please find an explanation of each assessment we give.

**Interim Assessments: (IA's)** are teacher-made assessments given by teachers to assess their students over standards that have been previously taught. Every 6-9 weeks these assessments will be given to students and results are scanned and reviewed the same day. This is a district assessment, not a state assessment.

**CPAA: (Children's Progress Academic Assessment)** is a computer assessment given to Pre-K students only. It is a growth model assessment that assesses reading and math skills that are aligned to state standards. This assessment is given three times a year-Fall, Winter and Spring. The assessment is an adaptive assessment that changes each time a student takes it based on how each student answered the questions. For example, if a student answers questions correctly it will provide higher level questions, if the student answers questions incorrectly it will provide lower level questions. This is a district assessment, not a state assessment.

**MPG: (Map for Primary Grades)** is a computer assessment given to students in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to measure individual growth in Reading and Math skills that are aligned to state standards. This assessment is given at the Beginning of the Year, Middle of the Year, and at the End of the Year to measure individual student growth. It is an assessment that includes a Screener, Skills Checklist, and Survey of Goals that focus on foundational skills that are imperative for young learners to master before becoming successful readers and mathematicians. This is a district assessment, not a state assessment.

**MAP: (Measures of Academic Progress)** is a computer assessment given to 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. This assessment is given at the Beginning of the Year, Middle of the Year, and at the End of the Year to measure individual student growth in Reading and Math skills that are aligned to state standards. It is also a growth model, which means it adapts to the student according to how they answer the questions. The questions will be designed to the student's reading level. This is a district assessment not a state assessment.

**CoGat** - is a paper/pencil test given to 3rd grade students for qualification to the Gifted/Talented Program. This test is given during the second semester and parent

permission is required for a student to take the CoGat. This is a district assessment not a state assessment.

**ACT (American College Testing)** is a state sponsored ACT college-entrance exam for all 11th graders in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) will pick up the cost for all public high school Juniors to take the ACT exam. This is a voluntary program that will provide the opportunity for more Juniors, who otherwise might never have had access, to take the ACT. This test is a paper/pencil assessment and will be taken on March 21, 2017.

**WIDA ACCESS ELL (English Language Learners) 2.0** is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English learners (ELs). WIDA is a state mandated test that will be given as a paper/pencil test and/or online test.

**OSTP (Oklahoma School Testing Program)** is the state standardized assessment that is given to every student enrolled in a tested grade in an Oklahoma public school. This test is a paper/pencil test for grades 3 – 5 and a computer test for grades 6 - 10. The OSTP is given in April. The purpose of the OSTP is to assess students in their mastery of the Oklahoma Academic Standards. Also, the test results can be used to inform curriculum decisions at the district and school levels, and to inform teaching at the classroom level through the use of classroom level reporting. Below is a breakdown of each grade and the state assessment they will take for the 2016-2017 school year.

### **Elementary**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Reading, and Math (Paper/Pencil)

5<sup>th</sup>: Reading, Math, and Science, (Paper/Pencil)

6<sup>th</sup>: Reading, and Math (Online)

### **Junior High**

7<sup>th</sup>: Reading, and Math (Online)

8<sup>th</sup>: Reading, Math, and Science (Online)

### **High School**

10<sup>th</sup>: ELA (English Language Arts), Math, Science (Online),

11<sup>th</sup> US History (Online) students who are enrolled in US History