

## 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 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. 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.

**Renaissance (Star)** is a computer assessment given to PreK-4<sup>th</sup> grades. This assessment program is used to determine a student's overall reading and math level, identify a student's individual strengths and weaknesses, and set personalized goals. The Star assessment is approved by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as a screener for the Reading Sufficiency Act. This is a district assessment not a state assessment.

**MAP: (Measures of Academic Progress)** is a computer assessment given to 5th & 6th grade students. This assessment is given at the beginning, middle, and 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 (Cognitive Abilities Test)** is a paper/pencil test given to 3rd grade students for qualification into the Gifted/Talented Program. The CogAt is designed to estimate students' learned reasoning and problem solving abilities through a battery of verbal quantitative and nonverbal test items. 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.

**CCRA (College and Career Readiness Assessments)** is a state mandated test for all 11th grade students that consists of two parts. For Part 1, the students will take the ACT including the Writing Section. Part 2 consists of an online Science Content and US History assessment both of which are aligned to the Oklahoma Academic Standards. These tests will be given in April and May of 2021.

**Pre ACT (American College Testing)** is a paper/pencil multiple-choice assessment given to 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. This test offers students an early experience with ACT test items, provides a predicted ACT test score, and offers a wealth of information to help students get the start they need to be college ready.

**WIDA ACCESS ELL (English Language Learners) 2.0** is a secure, large-scale English Language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 for K students and online test for 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

**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 computer test for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. The OSTP is given in April and May 2021. 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 2020-2021 school year.

#### **Elementary**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: ELA and Math (Online)
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade: ELA and Math (Online)
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade: ELA, Math and Science (Online)
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade: ELA and Math (Online)

#### **Junior High**

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade: ELA and Math (Online)
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade: ELA, Math and Science (Online)

#### **High School**

- 11<sup>th</sup> CCRA Part 1 ACT including Writing (Online)
- Part 2 Science and US History (Online)