

2017-2018 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION FOR LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOLS

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE

STATE MANDATED ASSESSMENTS – PURPOSE, USE, and DATES

Universal Screening Grades K-8th, AIMS web, STAR Reading and STAR Math

These benchmark assessments will be utilized to identify students whose performance warrants further investigation. They determine who is likely to need additional assistance to reach grade level performance expectations. Parents will receive notification if the results indicate the child meets the requirements for additional academic support and intervention(s). If the student qualifies for intervention, parents will be notified of the progress every 4.5 to 5 weeks.

Tentative Dates of Administration- August 14 through September 9, 2017
January 4-31, 2018
April 30 through May 25, 2018

TCAP Grades 3-8 (English language arts, Math, Science, Social Studies)

These fully aligned assessments capture the depth and breadth of what students are learning-and have been learning in the classroom every day. The information from these assessments will provide educators, parents, and students with a big picture perspective on how they are progressing academically compared to their peers across Tennessee and better information about a student's strengths, needs and areas of growth.

Window of Administration- April 18 through May 4, 2018 (The writing portions of assessments must occur during the first week of the window)

TCAP ALT* Grades 3-8 (MSAA and Science and Social Studies)

*Available for students with disabilities for whom participation in the regular state assessment is inappropriate, even with the use of extensive accommodations. Parents will receive a detailed report of the student's performance after the completion of the school year.

Window of Administration- March 19, through May 11, 2018

Stand-alone field tests will be administered to select schools from March 5-30, 2018. Field Tests do not count toward student grades or teacher evaluations, but ensure the validity and appropriateness of future test questions.

DISTRICT MANDATED ASSESSMENTS - PURPOSE, USE, and DATES

Kindergarten Screener

The K Screener is a district developed assessment comprised of two parts, literacy and math. All kindergarten students will be assessed during the first week of school. Results will be shared with parents at the initial conference during that first week. This test will give the teachers and parents valuable information to guide instruction, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement.