

SOME ASSESSMENTS YOUR CHILD WILL TAKE

CogAT and NNAT

EMAS

iReady

Benchmark

VALLSS

SOLs



TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

- Encourage a positive attitude towards test taking
- Stay involved in your child's education
- Praise their efforts, not just their results
- Create a good school routine and good homework habits together
- Ensure your child gets enough sleep

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Understanding Elementary School Assessments

THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSESSMENTS

Supporting Your
Child's Success



WHY ARE ASSESSMENTS IMPORTANT

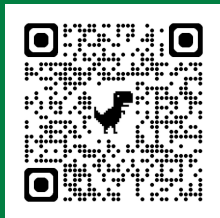
Student assessments are essential for evaluating learning and educational progress. They can be categorized into several types, each serving a different purpose. Each type of assessment provides valuable information that can be used to support and enhance student learning and instructional practices.

These assessments fulfill state requirements for screening and growth measures in addition to providing data to develop student reading plans or student intervention plans, as needed. Additional diagnostic tests are available as a resource for teachers when more information is needed to determine specific areas for support.

GRADE LEVEL TESTING

Each grade level features specific testing requirements.

Learn about how they are scored and what they mean from your student.



1 CogAT and NNAT

FCPS uses the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) which is a nationally normed abilities test.

2 EMAS

The Early Mathematics Assessment System (EMAS) for PreK and Kindergarten students is used to measure young children's mathematical thinking. The assessment contains subtests that measure four broad skill areas, which impact later mathematics achievement.

3 iReady

The iReady Reading and Math assessments are used in FCPS as a screening and growth tool to help teachers understand students' strengths and areas for support. iReady assessments help teachers monitor the growth of every student in learning the content knowledge and skills of the state standards, regardless of their starting point.



4 Benchmark

Aligned with Science of Reading research, Benchmark Advance and Adelante are core language arts programs that provide a cohesive structure for the development of literacy skills and content knowledge.

5 VALLSS

The Virginia Language and Literacy Screening System (VALLSS) gives teachers information about strengths and needs in students' basic language and literacy skills. Gaps in basic skills are the root of many later learning difficulties. Early detection and intervention in these gaps can help students reach their potential.

6 SOL

Under Virginia law, students in grades 3-8 are expected to take part in the Virginia Assessment Program to assess the Virginia Standards of Learning, or SOLs. The assessments used to fulfill this requirement look different based on the grade level and content area. SOL assessments are in reading and writing, mathematics, and science and are administered each spring.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT STUDENT TESTING AND ASSESSMENTS

