

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As part of our efforts to keep all families informed, below is a summary of the academic 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.

Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher, building administrator, or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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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		●			◆	
FastBridge Math Suite	●	●	●	◆	◆	◆
FastBridge Reading Suite	●	●	●	◆	◆	◆

Please go to the next page for a description of each test.

Test(s)	Description
English Language Arts (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 learning relative to state standards
Science State Assessment	The Kansas State Assessments fall under the umbrella of the Kansas Assessment Program or KAP. Students in grade 8 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 may look/feel more like a project or writing assignment and is embedded into the 7 th grade Social Studies curriculum.
FastBridge Math Suite	Students in grades 6-8 participate in the FastBridge Math assessments three times per year. These are broad screening measures of math abilities and skills and is individualized for each student. FastBridge screening is part of the Olathe instructional plan.
FastBridge Reading Suite	Students in grades 6-8 participate in the FastBridge Reading assessments three times per year. These are broad screening measures of reading abilities and skills and is individualized for each student. FastBridge screening is part of the Olathe instructional plan. This assessment suite fulfills Kansas requirements for the dyslexia screening.