

2022-23



SCHOOL YEAR

# ASSESSMENTS

AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

state-required assessment



whole-class tested   targeted-students tested

district-selected assessment



whole-class tested   targeted-students tested

TEST	4K	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Gold														
KRA														
F&P														
Cogat/IOWA														
Fastbridge														
MAP														
PTA														
Benchmarks														
SC Ready ELA &Math														
SC Pass Science														
EOC (EOCEP)														
WIN														
Common Unit Tests <small>(optional teacher resource available in PM)</small>														
PSAT NMSQT														
ACT or SAT														
AP														
ASVAB														
ACCESS														
CFAs <small>(optional teacher resource)</small>														

# WHAT, WHEN & WHY



ASSESSMENT	GRADE LEVELS TESTED & FREQUENCY	PURPOSE
Teaching Strategies Gold (Gold)	All 4K students, 3x/yr.	Measures the knowledge, skills, & behaviors in 9 domains predictive of school success: Social, Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy, Mathematics, Science & Technology & Arts.
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)	All K students, 1x/yr.	Measures readiness for Kindergarten in 4 domains: Social Foundations, Language and Literacy, Mathematics, Physical Well-Being & Motor Development.
Fountas & Pinnell (F&P)	All K- 2nd grade students, 3x/yr. Targeted 3rd graders.	Used to observe & quantify student reading behaviors according to the F&P Text Level Gradient, which generates a student's independent & instructional reading level. This assessment helps inform R2S retention decisions.
Cognitive Abilities Test/ Iowa (CogAT/Iowa)	All 2nd grade students, 1x/yr.	CogAT: Aptitude test in Verbal, Quantitative and Non-verbal problem solving. The Iowa Assessment is a norm-referenced achievement test to measure mastery of academic skills found in the elementary curriculum. Used in SC to determine eligibility for Gifted and Talented.
Fastbridge	All students, K-2nd grade, 3x/yr.	Assesses foundational reading, literacy and numeracy skills. Results help identify student strengths and areas of weakness in reading (including the identification of those at-risk for reading difficulty) and numeracy skills.
MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)	All students, 1st through 12th grade, 3x/yr.	The NWEA MAP Test is an adaptive achievement and growth test in Reading and Mathematics. It creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level measuring progress and growth.
Performance Task Assessment (PTA)	Targeted students 2nd through 5th grade, 1x/yr.	Manipulative-based assessment. Provides a "hands-on" dimension to measure problem solving. Administered to select students in grades 2-5 who require 1 additional dimension to qualify for Gifted & Talented program services.
Formative Benchmarks	All students, 2nd through 12th grade 3x/yr.	Interim assessments to monitor student achievement in meeting SC state standards in each content area. Results are used to inform instruction & revise curriculum to ensure students are on track to meeting end of the year state standards.
SC Ready (ELA & Math)	All students in grades 3 through 8, 1x/yr.	Statewide assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and math to measure mastery of SC state standards. Results are used for state summative ratings under the SC ESSA model & formatively by the District to identify curricular modifications.
Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS-Science)	All students in grades 4, & 6, 1x/yr.	State Assessment administered in grades 4 & 6 to measure mastery of SC science standards. Results are used for state summative ratings under the SC ESSA model & formatively by the District to identify curricular modifications.
SC End-of-Course Examination Program (EOC)	All students taking Algebra I, Biology, English 2 & US History, 1x/yr.	Statewide assessment program of end of course tests for courses awarded high school units of credit in English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
Worldwide Interactive Network Ready to Work (WIN)	All 11th grade students, 1x/yr.	Workforce Development Credential/Assessment. Measures Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, Locating Information & soft skills. One of 4 ways a student can demonstrate Career Readiness based on SC ESSA Model.
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test for 8th Grade (PSAT 8)	All 8th grade students, 1x/yr.	Measures the same skills & knowledge on a common scale as the SAT at an 8/9th grade level. Results qualify students for national scholarship programs.
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit State Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)	All 10th grade students, 1x/yr & 8th grade students who are potential Junior Scholars.	Evidenced based Reading, Writing, Language & Math. Scores are reported on a common score scale with the SAT. Provides opportunity for personalized practice. Used by scholarship programs, including the National Merit® Scholarship Program, to identify eligible students.
American College Testing/Scholastic Aptitude Test (ACT/SAT)	All 11th grade students, 1x/yr.	College Entrance Exam. Students choice in which exam they take. Both assessments measure student achievement in Evidenced based Reading, Writing, Language & Math.
Advanced Placement (AP)	All students taking Advanced Placement courses, 1x/yr.	At the conclusion of an AP course, students participate in the AP assessment. Depending on the grade scored, college course credit may be honored depending on the college/univ.
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	Interested & targeted 12th grade students, 1x/yr.	Measures developed abilities to predict future academic & occupational success in the military. Scores in 4 critical areas - Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension & Mathematics Knowledge comprise a students' Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT) score, which determines eligibility to enlist in the U.S. military.
Access for English Language Learners (ACCESS)	Targeted students, 1x/yr.	Administered annually to English Language Learners until proficient to monitor progress in learning English. Used to monitor & report progress toward English Language Proficiency as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
Common Formative Assessments (CFAs)	All students in grades 3-8 in ELA & Math; Algebra 1 & English 1. 1x/quarter.	Brief, teacher created common assessments. Designed to monitor student learning of priority academic standards & encourage consistency in content delivery & assessment from classroom to classroom.