



Assessments Guide

Formative and Summative Assessments

Teachers utilize both formative and summative assessments to determine the level of mastery of academic standards. **Formative assessments** are ongoing checks for understanding during the learning process. They help teachers identify areas where students need more support and adjust instruction accordingly. Some examples of these types of check-in assessments that AGM teachers use are class discussions, exit tickets, observations, homework and classwork assignments, and quizzes. **Summative assessments** evaluate student learning at the end of an instructional period, like a chapter or a unit. They measure the effectiveness of instruction and students' overall understanding. Some examples are end of chapter or story tests, projects, presentations, formal writing assignments and benchmark tests.



RENAISSANCE PROGRAMS

Renaissance Star Reading and Math Benchmark Testing provides our teachers with valuable insights into student proficiency and growth in reading and mathematics. These assessments are adaptive and designed to guide instructional planning, identify areas of need, and monitor student progress over time. It aligns with Common Core State Standards (CCSS) ensuring that assessments are relevant and comprehensive.



STAR Math and Reading Benchmark Program (3rd-6th)

All 3rd-6th students are administered the STAR Reading and Math assessments throughout the academic year. These are comprehensive assessment tools used to measure students' academic progress and proficiency in reading and mathematics. It provides instant feedback and results, allowing teachers to quickly understand and respond to student needs and helps them tailor their instruction to meet the diverse needs of their students.

Early Literacy Program (K-2)

The Renaissance Early Literacy Program is an assessment tool designed to evaluate and support the development of early literacy skills in young learners. This adaptive assessment helps our teachers identify students' proficiency levels and track their progress over time. Through adaptive learning technology, the Renaissance program tailors instruction to individual student needs, allowing for differentiated learning experiences. The test provides comprehensive skills coverage including phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, concepts of print and early numeracy.



TERRANOVA



TerraNova NEXT provides accurate measurement of important skills, knowledge and grade-level expectations while tracking how students are progressing toward standards and performing relative to their peers. Terra Nova Next tests are administered to grades K-6th in the spring. The test covers the areas of Reading/Language Arts, Math for K-6th and it includes Science and Social Studies for 3rd-6th grades.