

# Elementary & Middle Level State Testing 2018-19



**Appleton Area**  
*School District*

*“Preparing our students for their future,  
every child, every day”*

## Dear Families:

In Wisconsin, our State Superintendent, Dr. Tony Evers, continues to promote the “Every Child a Graduate – College and Career Ready” accountability program. To support this work, students in grades 3-8 will participate in online state assessments. Information about state assessments is detailed within this document.

**2018-19**  
**Teaching**  
**Strategies GOLD**  
**4K**

**Fall:** Oct 8-Oct 29  
**Mid-Year:** Jan 2-Jan 21  
**Spring:** April 15-May 6

## Why are we required to conduct state testing

Wisconsin’s accountability reforms are focused upon helping every child be a successful 21<sup>st</sup> century learner. Information provided by these assessments will define ongoing instructional support and learning for all children leading to college and career readiness.

**MAP Growth for**  
**Primary Students**

**K-1**  
**&**  
**MAP Growth**  
**Grade 2**

## Who is assessed at each grade?

Students in 4K will have their developmental skills assessed by teacher observation and reported using **Teaching Strategies GOLD**. Students in K-1 will participate in **MAP Growth for Primary Students** and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will participate in **MAP Growth**. Information about these assessments follows:

**Fall:** Sept 25-Oct 17  
**Mid-Year:** Jan 7-Jan 30  
**Spring:** April 15-May 8

	4K	K through Grade 2
Assesses:	<p>Widely Held Expectations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social-Emotional</li> <li>• Gross and Fine Motor Skills</li> <li>• Language Development</li> <li>• Cognitive Development</li> <li>• Literacy</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> </ul>	<p>Phonological Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matching Sounds</li> <li>• Rhyming Sounds</li> <li>• Manipulating Sounds</li> </ul> <p>Visual Discrimination/Phonics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Discrimination</li> <li>• Letter Identification</li> <li>• Matching Letters to Sounds</li> </ul> <p>Concepts of Print</p>
Information Provided:	<p>GOLD is an observational assessment system designed to assess what young children at all stages of development know and can do, in relation to the widely held expectations for developmental progression of young children. Valuable information is provided to guide teacher planning and instruction.</p>	<p>The NWEA MAP GROWTH FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS provides teachers and school-level reading specialists data to identify students who are at risk of reading difficulties.</p>

Students in grades 3 through 8 will participate in statewide administration of the Wisconsin Forward Exams as described below:

	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8
	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE
Math	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
English Language Arts	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Science		◆				◆
Social Studies		◆				◆
<b>FE=</b>	WI Forward Exam was developed to accurately measure student progress toward college- and career-readiness and are computer-based assessments.					

### Keeping state testing in perspective . . .

Students and families may feel pressure, but rest assured state testing should not and is not the focus of attention. Schools use multiple measures to support student learning.

Encourage your child to do his/her best.

Prepare your child for the testing experience by talking about it prior to testing days.

Please refrain from scheduling appointments on testing days.

Do your best to make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep and eats breakfast on testing days.

Families wishing to excuse their child from participating in the Wisconsin Student Assessment System **must place their request in writing to the principal of their child’s school.**

### Additional Resources:

**AASD Assessment Page:**

[http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/district/district\\_departments\\_contacts\\_standards\\_curriculum/assessment/overview/](http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/district/district_departments_contacts_standards_curriculum/assessment/overview/)

**Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction:**

<http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment>

**Site contacts:**

- School principals
- School counselors

**2018-19**  
**Wisconsin Forward**  
**Exam**  
**Gr 3, Gr 4, Gr 5, Gr 6,**  
**Gr 7, Gr 8**  
  
**Spring     Mar 18-May 3**

**Testing “Opt-Out”**

Families wishing to excuse their child from participating in the Wisconsin Student Assessment System must provide the principal of their child’s school a signed and dated note indicating this request. All students excused from testing are marked as “not tested” in school and district reporting.

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