



# Understanding Your Child's Assessments

## Grade 1

Assessments help teachers understand what children know and what they need to learn. The results allow teachers and staff to adapt lessons to increase student achievement. At this grade level, students generally spend about four hours per school year taking standardized tests for district, state, and federal accountability.

July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
		<b>STAR</b>				<b>STAR</b>				<b>STAR</b>	
					<b>ACCESS</b>						

### For All Students

Assessment	Description	Early Start Calendar Dates	Traditional Calendar Dates
<b>STAR Test</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses reading and math progress</li> <li>Teachers use data to plan instruction and target student needs</li> <li>Administered by computer</li> </ul>	Aug. 23-Sep. 10, 2021 Jan. 10-Jan. 28, 2022 May 2-May 20, 2022	Sep. 13-Oct 1, 2021 Jan. 10-Jan. 28, 2022 May 2-May 20, 2022

### For Some Students

Assessment	Description	Early Start Calendar Dates	Traditional Calendar Dates
<b>ACCESS for English Language Learners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses language progress in four areas: listening, reading, speaking, and writing</li> <li>Teachers use data to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English proficiency</li> <li>Administered by computer</li> </ul>	Dec. 1, 2021-Jan. 28, 2022	

If you have questions about your child's performance on these assessments, please contact your child's teacher. Please see the *MPS Parent Assessment* brochure for more information on the role you play in your child's assessments.