



# Washington Township Public Schools

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Dear Washington Township Families:

Between February 1, 2022 and February 28, 2022, students in grades 6-12 will take ELA (English Language Arts) and mathematics benchmark assessments in their ELA and mathematics classes. Assessments will be administered the week of 1/31/22 for ELA and the week of 2/7/22 for mathematics. Classroom teachers will notify families of testing days. Students who are absent on testing days will be tested during teacher designated make-up dates. Please note that only select high school English and mathematics courses will administer this assessment.

We will continue to use Renaissance Learning Star Reading and Star Math to monitor progress of student learning. These assessments are computer-adaptive and adjust the difficulty of question types based on previous responses. If the student answers a question correctly, the difficulty level of the next item is increased. If the student misses a question, the difficulty level is decreased. Computer-adaptive tests save testing time and spare your child from frustration and boredom that can occur when items are too easy or too difficult. The results from the benchmark assessments are for instructional purposes only and will provide important information to your child's teacher about strengths and weaknesses for upcoming units of study. Please remember that benchmark assessments are but one small snapshot of student progress. Teachers continuously monitor student learning of critical grade level skills and STAR is one of many tools to help them target individual instruction to meet student needs.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns. We are truly thankful to partner with families as we strive to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students.

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction