

## **Manchester City Schools 2019-20 Testing Information**

### Benchmarks-School Level (RTI Screener)

Purpose: To assess how schools are progressing towards meeting their academic goals.

Grade Level/Class: Grades K-8 for Math and RLA only

Description: AIMSWEB. Taken online or by paper/pencil. The benchmark is designed to show if students are meeting grade level expectations.

Use of Data: The results are provided to teachers and school administrators to help them address the instructional needs of their students. From this data, students with academic need will be identified for additional assistance under the Response to Intervention Program.

Tentative Dates: 3 times per year: Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Testing Times: 55 minutes

Parental/Student Notification: Results are provided to parents, teachers and school administrators.

Grades: No grades are given on this assessment

### Grade 2 Achievement (K-2) Assessment

Purpose: To measure basic reading and math skills.

Grade Level/Class: 2

Description: The Grade 2 assessment (formerly known as K-2 and prior to that, SAT 10) is an optional, untimed test that RCS chooses to use. It is a norm-referenced assessment designed to measure individual student achievement compared to national norms. The Grade 2 assessment provides a benchmark of how students perform on the foundational skills required for success in future grades.

Use of Data: The results are provided to teachers and school administrators to help them address the instructional needs of their students. They may be used as one measure of student achievement during the current school year.

Tentative Dates: Testing window April 13-May 8, 2020

Testing Times: 244 minutes

Parental/Student Notification: A paper report will be sent home five to six months after testing which will provide information comparing the achievement of students with the performance of students from across the nation.

Grades: No grades are given on this assessment.

### MSAA (formally Alt-PA)

Purpose: To provide an alternate assessment aligned to the Tennessee state Standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Grade Level/Class: 2-8

Description: The Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) is a comprehensive assessment system designed to promote increasing higher academic outcomes for students with significant cognitive disabilities in preparation for a broader array of post-secondary outcomes. The MSAA is designed to assess students with significant cognitive disability and measures academic content that is aligned to and derived from your state's content standards. This test contains many built-in supports that allow students to take the test using materials they are most familiar with and communicate what they know and can do as independently as possible. The MSAA will be administered in the areas of ELA and Mathematics in grades 3-8.

Use of Data: The results are provided to teachers and school administrators to help them address the instructional needs of their students. They may be used as one measure of student achievement during the current school year.

Dates: March 16-May 8, 2020

Testing Times: Untimed. Test administrators may pause testing to take a break at any time. They have the entire window to complete testing.

Parental/Student Notification: A paper report concerning performance on specific objectives (criterion-referenced) and a description of student performance on academic skills based on the grade span standards (performance levels) is sent home four to five months after testing.

Grades: No grades are given on this assessment.

### TNReady and End of Course

Purpose: To measure skills in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics (including Algebra I End of Course), and Social Studies

Grade Level/Class: 3-8

Description: It is a criterion-referenced test which measures a student's performance according to Tennessee state standards, rather than to the performance of other test takers. Algebra EOC will be administered online while paper & pencil tests will be administered to grades 3-8.

Use of Data: The results are provided to teachers and school administrators to help them address the instructional needs of their students. They may be used as one measure of student achievement during the current school year.

Tentative Dates: Testing window April 13-May 8, 2020

Testing Times: ELA 200-216 minutes Grades 3-5; 230 minutes Grades 6-12; Math 115 minutes Grades 3-5, 125 minutes Grades 6-8, 145 minutes EOCs.

Parental/Student Notification: A paper report concerning performance on specific objectives (criterion-referenced) and a description of student performance on academic skills based on the grade span standards (performance levels) is typically sent home five to six months after testing. Initial results may be noted on the student's report card if the quick scores can be obtained from the State in time.

Grades: The results of these assessments will be factored into the student's final grade at 15% for students in grades 3-12.