



## Staking A Claim in Our Students' Future

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### ***Student Assessments given by Guthrie Public Schools 2024-2025***

Dear Parents,

We are dedicated to providing students the most optimal learning environment where individual growth can be achieved and monitored. Teachers give assessments to all students from Pre-K through 12th grade. Below, please find an explanation of each assessment we give.

**Interim Assessments (IA's)** are teacher-made assessments given by teachers to assess their students over standards that have been previously taught. Every 6-9 weeks these assessments will be given to students and results are scanned and reviewed by teachers. This is a district assessment, not a state assessment.

**Renaissance (STAR)** is a computer assessment given to PreK-6th grade students. This assessment program is used to determine a student's overall reading and math level, identify a student's individual strengths and weaknesses and set personalized goals. This assessment is given at the beginning, middle and end of the year to measure individual student growth in reading and math skills. The STAR assessment is approved by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as a screener for the Strong Readers Act. This is a district assessment, not a state assessment. **NoRedInk** is an online web-based writing education platform that assesses students on their writing skills.

**OSTP (Oklahoma School Testing Program)** is the state standardized assessment that is given to every student enrolled in a tested grade in an Oklahoma public school. This test is a computer test for grades 3rd through 8th. The OSTP is given in April and May each school year. The purpose of the OSTP is to be used to inform curriculum decisions at the district and school levels and to inform teaching at the classroom level through the use of classroom level reporting. Below is a breakdown of each grade and the state assessment they will take:

	<b>ELA</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>4th</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>5th</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>7th</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>8th</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>

**CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test)** is a paper/pencil test given to 3rd grade students for qualification into the Gifted/Talented Program. The CogAT is designed to estimate students' learned reasoning and problem-solving abilities through a battery of verbal and nonverbal test items. This test is given during the second semester and parental permission is required for a student to take the CogAT. This is a district assessment, not a state assessment.

**IXL** is an adaptive learning platform in the areas of math, reading, and science for all grade levels, but is also used for benchmarks assessment for 5th - 8th grade students. **ALCA** is also used for benchmark assessments at the JH. These assessments are given at the beginning, middle and end of the year to measure individual student growth in math, reading, and science that are aligned to state standards. This is a district assessment, not a state assessment.

**PreACT (American College Testing)** is a paper/pencil multiple choice assessment given to 10th grade students in October or November. This test offers students an early experience with ACT test items, provides a predicted ACT test score and offers a wealth of information to help students get the start they need to be college ready.

**CCRA (College and Career Readiness Assessment)** is a state mandated test for all 11th grade students that consists of two parts. For Part 1, the students will take the **ACT** with the Writing Section. Part 2 consists of an online Science and US History content assessment both of which are aligned to the Oklahoma Academic Standards. These tests are provided each year in April.

**WIDA ACCESS ELL (English Language Learners) 2.0** is a secure, large-scale English Language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English Learners (ELs). WIDA is a state mandated test that will be given as a paper/pencil test for Kindergarten students and an online test for 1st through 12th grade students. This test will be given in February and March each year.