

NOTIFICATION OF TESTING
Middle School Academic Screening and Growth Tests

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Virginia Literacy Act (VLA) and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) require schools to provide reading and mathematics screening tests for all students in grades 6-8. These assessments also fulfill a requirement for reading and mathematics growth assessments under the Virginia Assessment Program (VAP). Test results help families and teachers know how to support each student's learning and development. The *Academic Screening, Growth, and Diagnostic Tests* webpage (<https://www.fcps.edu/academic-screening-growth-and-diagnostic-tests>) provides more information on these tests.

- iReady Reading - all students scheduled to take the spring reading SOL
- MAP Growth MAP – all students scheduled to take a spring math SOL

Middle school teachers assess all grade 6-8 middle school students with iReady Reading and MAP Growth MAP in fall, winter, and spring. Tests are delivered within the classroom instructional block. Teachers set specific testing dates for each class. General timing for required screening and growth is available on the *Grade Level Tests* webpage (<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/student-tests-assessments/grade-level-tests>).

Based on academic screening results, some students may require a reading plan or math intervention plan. Some students may require additional diagnostic tests to help teachers determine specific areas for support. If you have questions about academic screening, growth, or diagnostic tests, please contact your student's teacher or the school's test coordinator.