

August 30, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Again this year, Missouri will be using the Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) alternate assessment for our students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The DLM assessment provides academic standards that are used to measure academic achievement for students who are eligible for the alternate assessment.

Throughout this school year, your child's school district will use Missouri standards to provide academic instruction in English language arts, mathematics and science, followed by periodic, short 5-10 minute testlets in each of those subjects. The assessment schedule is below:

MAP-A Test Windows 2021-2022	Start Date	End Date	Grade Levels
Instructionally Embedded Window (ELA, Math, Science)	September 13, 2021	December 17, 2021	ELA 3-8, 11 (may test 9, 10, 12) Math 3-8, 11 (may test 9, 10) Science (not required, best practice to test all 3-11)
Instruction Planner is closed (no testing)	December 18, 2021	February 6, 2022	All
Instructionally Embedded Window (ELA, Math, Science)	February 7, 2022	May 20, 2022	ELA 3-8, 11 (may test 9, 10, 12) Math 3-8, 11 (may test 9, 10) Science 5, 8, 11 (may test 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10)

The length of time for testing during the Spring Assessment may vary depending on the subject, the grade-level and the student's individual needs. Although the testlets must be completed during the state testing window, your child may complete the testlets over a period of several days in that window.

We anticipate that each testing window testing time will be as follows:

Content Area Tested	Approximate length of time for all testing in a subject, depending student's individual needs
English language arts	60 minutes
Mathematics	60 minutes
Science	45- 125 minutes

Your child's results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-346). Scores from the testlets will be used according to your district's policy.

If you would like additional information about Dynamic Learning Maps, please visit <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/>. If you have questions, please contact your district at [TELEPHONE NUMBER] or via e-mail [E-MAIL ADDRESS].

We are excited that our district will take part in the Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessment this year, and we are very pleased that your child will be participating.

Sincerely, **School Principal**