

STAR Assessment (Options Schools Only)

School Year 2019-2020 Testing Dates

Fall (BOY): September 3 — October 4

Winter (MOY): January 6 – February 7

Spring (EOY): May 11 – June 12

What is the STAR Assessment?

The STAR Assessment is a computer-adaptive test that helps teachers accurately assess students' abilities. This computer-based progress-monitoring assessment provides immediate feedback to teachers and administrators on each student's reading and math development. The STAR Assessment is only administered in Options Schools.

Components of the STAR Assessment

Reading

- Word Knowledge and Skills
- Comprehension Strategies and Constructing Meaning
- Understanding Author's Craft
- Analyzing Literary Text
- Analyzing Argument and Evaluating Text

Mathematics

- Algebra
- Data Analysis, Statistics & Probability
- Geometry & Measurement
- Number & Operations

What are the purposes of these assessments?

- To demonstrate academic growth over time
- To guide classroom instruction

When is the assessment given?

- STAR is administered three times a year: Fall, Winter and Spring.

Who should be tested?

All students attending an Options school are required to take both STAR Reading and STAR Math during all three testing windows.

For English Learners (ELs) testing is required for students with a literacy composite of 3.0 or above. For students with a literacy composite below 3.0 testing is optional, at the discretion of the school.

Students with IEPs are expected to participate in STAR testing with allowable accommodations. Students with significant cognitive disabilities who take the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) are **exempt** from testing.

How are results used?

- Track student progress and inform classroom instruction.
- Student growth is a factor in school accountability (School Quality Rating Policy-SQRP). Percent of eligible students tested are counted in SQRP rating.

Where can I find additional information about the STAR Assessment?

STAR (username and password required): <https://hosted65.renlearn.com/3262995/>

CPS staff can find additional information at the [STAR KC Page](#)

Parents can find additional information at www.renaissance.com

Visit cps.edu/assessment for more information on Chicago Public Schools full assessment system.