Epping School District Framework for Assessment

The purpose of this framework is to articulate the official model of assessment in the Epping School District.

ASSESSMENTS	P	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
STATE TESTING														
English Language Arts					One Grade			One Grade			One Grade			
Mathematics					One Grade			One Grade			One Grade			
Science					One Grade			One Grade			One Grade			
STAR SCREENING & MONITORING														
STAR Early Literacy	X	X	X											
STAR Reading				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
STAR Mathematics				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PRESCHOOL														
Academic Skills	X													
Motor Skills	X													
Social/Emotional Skills	X													
Language Skills	X													
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL														
Clay Letter ID & Sound	X	X												
Clay Concepts About Print	X	X												
Fountas and Pinnell Reading		X	X	X	X	X	X							
Fountas and Pinnell Word Lists		X	X	X	X	X	X							
Common Assessments in Subject		X	X	X										
Performance Assessments in Subject					X	X	X							
AIMSweb Reading		R	R	R	R	R	R							
AIMSweb Mathematics		R	R	R	R	R	R							
Successmaker Reading		R	R	R	R	R	R							
IXL Mathematics		R	R	R	R	R	R							
MIDDLE SCHOOL														
Performance Assessments in Subject								X	X	X				
AIMSweb Reading								R	R	R				
AIMSweb Mathematics								R	R	R				
Successmaker Reading								R	R	R				
IXL Mathematics								R	R	R				
HIGH SCHOOL														
Performance Assessments in Subject											X	X	X	X
PSAT												X	O	
SAT													O	O
AP												O	O	O

KEY: X - REQUIRED O - OPTIONAL R - RECOMMENDED BY TEACHER

The Epping School District uses a variety of national, state, and local assessments for students preschool through grade 12. Frequent assessment of student progress provides timely information on what students know and are able to do. Teachers use this information to teach using multiple instructional strategies providing students with multiple opportunities to demonstrate learning.

State Testing - State accountability testing is required in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science. Assessments are based on the NH Standards in the specific subject area.

The school district has applied for an alternative accountability option which requires one grade in each school to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test for ELA and math. SBAC testing is to begin Spring 2015. For more information visit the SBAC website (www.smarterbalanced.org).

The district will also administer performance assessments in grades 3 to 12.

It is anticipated that science will continue to be assessed using New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). For more information visit the NHDOE website (www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessement/NECAP).

STAR - STAR Early Literacy, Reading, and Math assessments are used for screening, progress-monitoring, and diagnostic assessment. STAR Early Literacy is a reliable, valid, and efficient, computer-adaptive assessment of skills in critical literacy domains. Grades PK-3 can be assessed as often as weekly for progress monitoring. The assessment correlates highly with a wide range of assessments and also serves as a skills diagnostic for older struggling readers. STAR Reading is a reliable, valid, and efficient computer-adaptive assessment of general reading achievement and comprehension for grades 1-12. STAR Reading provides nationally normed reading scores and criterion-referenced scores. It can be repeated as often as weekly for progress monitoring. STAR Math is a reliable, valid, and efficient, computer-adaptive assessment of general math achievement for grades 1-12. STAR Math provides nationally norm-referenced math scores and criterion-referenced evaluations of skill levels. It can be repeated as often as weekly for progress monitoring. For more information visit the Renaissance Learning website (www.renlearn.com).

Preschool - The Epping Preschool uses Creative Curriculum for assessment. This program provides a developmental continuum of assessments for ages 3 to 5. For more information visit the Creative Curriculum website (www.creativecurriculum.net).

Clay Letter Identification & Sound - Test that measures a student's knowledge of lower and upper case letters as well as the knowledge of the sounds of letters.

Clay Concepts About Print - Assesses student's knowledge of basic print concepts such as reading from left to right and top to bottom, difference between words and letters, etc.

Fountas and Pinnell - Assesses students' instructional and independent reading abilities using leveled reading materials and matches instruction to the students' instructional and independent reading abilities.

For more information visit the Heinemann website (www.heinemann.com/fountasand pinnell).

Common Assessments - Common assessments are designed to assess grade level standards in specific subject areas. Teachers use the results to identify student proficiency levels and students in need of additional support. Common assessments are designed and administered by classroom teachers.

Performance Assessments - Performance assessments are designed to assess content and skill standards in specific subject areas. Teachers use the results to identify student proficiency levels and students in need of additional support. Performance assessments are designed and administered by classroom teachers.

The NH Department of Education has included performance assessments as part of the next accountability system. For more information visit the NHDOE website (www.education.nh.gov/assessment-systems).

AIMSweb - AIMSweb is a web-based software that monitors reading and math performance using curriculum-based measures. Assessments include early literacy, reading, early numeracy, mathematics, spelling, and writing in grades 1 to 8. For more information visit the AIMSweb website (www.aimsweb.com).

SuccessMaker - SuccessMaker is a web-based software that provides supplemental instruction in English, language arts, math, science, and social studies. One-on-one standards-based lessons are available for students in grades K to 12. The software also assesses student performance. For more information visit the Pearson website (www.pearsonschool.com).

IXL - IXL is a web-based software that provides supplemental instruction in language arts and mathematics. One-on-one standards-based lessons are available for students K to 12. The software also assesses student performance. For more information visit the IXL website (www.ixl.com).

PSAT - The Preliminary SAT test is a standardized test that provides practice for the SAT. The PSAT measures critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills. The PSAT is also used to qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship Program. For more information visit the College Board website (WWW.collegeboard.com).

SAT - The SAT is a reasoning test used for admission to colleges and universities. It tests student's knowledge in reading, writing, and mathematics as well as critical thinking skills needed for academic success in college. The SAT also has subject tests (SAT II) which are designed to assess knowledge in particular subject areas. For more information visit the College Board website (www.collegeboard.com).

AP - The Advanced Placement Test assesses student knowledge in advanced placement subject areas based on the AP curriculum. Through AP exams students earn college credit. For more information visit the College Board website (www.collegeboard.com).

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