

## PARENT GUIDE TO ASSESSMENTS: 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE

What Is Assessed and How It's Used	When	Length
<p><b>mClass</b>  <b>What:</b> Assesses a variety of early <b>literacy</b> skills and <b>reading</b> skills  <b>Use:</b> Teachers will determine how quickly a student is making progress toward essential <b>literacy</b> skills, and adjust instruction based on this information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NC</p>	Begin (Aug/Sep) Middle (Jan) End (Apr/May)	10 minutes
<p><b>Beginning of Grade (BOG)</b>  <b>What:</b> Assesses students understanding of grade-level, state-required <b>reading</b> standards.  <b>Use:</b> Results are used to adjust instruction and evaluate students' initial reading skills.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NC</p>	Between Day 11 and 15 of school year	3 hours
<p><b>Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)</b>  <b>What:</b> Assesses individual differences.  <b>Use:</b> Results assists teachers in adapting instruction to the individual needs of the students. It is also used to help determine eligibility for gifted services.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NC</p>	Fall (October)	3 hours
<p><b>aimswebPLUS</b>  <b>What:</b> Assesses students for potential needs in <b>math</b> skills and abilities.  <b>Use:</b> Teachers determine how quickly a student is making progress toward essential <b>math</b> skills in order to adjust instruction and support in the regular classroom and/or intervention settings.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NC</p>	Begin (Aug/Sep) Middl (Jan) End (Apr/May)	20 minutes
<p><b>ABSS Benchmarks</b>  <b>What:</b> Assesses students understanding of grade-level, state-required <b>reading</b> and <b>math</b> standards.  <b>Use:</b> Teachers use results to adjust instruction and evaluate students' learning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ABSS</p>	Fall (Oct/Nov) Spring (Feb/Mar)	1 class period per subject
<p><b>End of Grade (EOG)</b>  <b>What:</b> Assesses students understanding of grade-level, state-required <b>reading</b> and <b>math</b> standards.  <b>Use:</b> The results are used to make adjustments to the School Improvement Plan and to students' class schedules as necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NC</p>	Last 10 Days of School	Read = 4hrs Math = 4hrs

NC or ABSS - Indicates Who Requires the Assessment

Helpful Resources		
<b>ABSS Parent Resources</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/ABParentRes">http://bit.ly/ABParentRes</a>	<b>ABSS Accountability Website</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/ABAcc">http://bit.ly/ABAcc</a>	<b>NCDPI Accountability Website</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/NCAcc">http://bit.ly/NCAcc</a>
If you have any questions about the assessments your child will complete this year, contact his/her classroom teacher for more details and clarification.		