

Go Math

6-8 Go Math and Science Access

Follow these simple steps to access online materials and assignments:

1. Go to <https://my.hrw.com>
2. Enter your user name and password. If you have misplaced your password, please contact your child's teacher.
3. Depending on your computer settings, you can save this information for future access.
4. Click Login

If you need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

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K-5 ThinkCentral Access

Your child's school provided your student with his/her user name and password to access online materials available at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's ThinkCentral Web site. ThinkCentral is an all-in-one learning site that provides access to digital books, activities, readers, and more. On ThinkCentral you may access *Go Math* and Science for K-5.

Follow these simple steps to access online materials and assignments:

1. Go to <http://www-k6.thinkcentral.com>
2. Select your state, district, and school.
3. To make it easier to log in later, check Remember My Organization (optional).
4. Enter your user name and password.
5. Click Login.

Once logged in, the student welcome page will appear. My Library gives you access to the online version of the text, as well as any other materials the teacher has made available.

A "mini webinar" regarding the District's new resource, *Go Math* is posted as a sample of what is being created for parents to help navigate this new resource. Resources currently available include checklists and curriculum updates with new items added periodically. You may click on the link below to access the *Go Math Overview* "mini webinar".

<http://www.summithill.org/parents.html>

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STAR Assessment and Go Math Information



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STAR ASSESSMENT Information

Questions and Answers

Your child will be taking a STAR assessment three times during this school year (September, January and April). This guide will explain what a STAR assessment is. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or visit the STAR website at www.renlearn.com/se.

What are STAR assessments?

Renaissance Learning™ pioneered computer-adaptive testing in the classroom in 1996 with the introduction of STAR Reading™, and has been improving upon it ever since. As a result we offer a line of testing products that all function the same, are all built with the same high level of measurement accuracy, and all share the same design principles.

STAR Early Literacy Enterprise™ is the leading computer-based diagnostic assessment of early literacy skills developed for Pre-K–3 students. STAR Early Literacy Enterprise tracks development in three domains and ten sub-domains.

STAR Reading Enterprise™ is an assessment of reading comprehension and skills for independent readers through grade 12. STAR Reading Enterprise tracks development in five domains:

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

STAR Math Enterprise™ is an assessment of math achievement for students in grades 1–12. STAR Math Enterprise tracks development in four domains:

- Numbers and Operations
- Algebra
- Geometry and Measurement
- Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability

What are computer-adaptive tests?

All STAR assessments are computer-adaptive tests (CATs). Computer-adaptive tests continually adjust the difficulty of each child's test by choosing each test question based on the child's previous response. If the child answers a question correctly, the difficulty level of the next item is increased. If the child misses a question, the difficulty level is decreased. CATs save testing time and spare your child the frustration of items that are too difficult and the boredom of items that are too easy.

How long does it take to complete a STAR assessment?

STAR tests are designed to be as efficient as possible. On average, students will complete the STAR Math Enterprise test in about 20 minutes, the STAR Reading Enterprise test in about 15 minutes, the STAR Early Literacy Enterprise test in 15–20 minutes, and the STAR Reading Spanish test in about 10 minutes. However, some students may require more time.

What are STAR assessments used for?

The STAR assessments are often used to screen students for their reading and math achievement levels. STAR Enterprise™ assessments can also be used to monitor student growth throughout the year, to estimate students' understanding of state standards, and predict students' performance on the state test. In addition, STAR can help teachers determine appropriate instructional levels and skills that students are ready to learn.

What kind of score does my child get?

For every STAR assessment, your child receives a **scaled score (SS)**, which is based on the difficulty of the questions and the number of correct answers. Scaled scores are useful for comparing your child's performance over time and across grades. STAR Reading and STAR Math scaled scores range from 0–1400. STAR Early Literacy Enterprise scaled scores range from 300–900. For STAR Reading Spanish, the Spanish scaled scores range from 0–780. STAR offers educators a variety of scores and reports. Some STAR scores compare your child's performance to a specific criteria or to a standard (criterion-referenced scores). STAR Enterprise reports also include scores which compare your child's performance to other students who have taken the same test (norm-referenced scores). The criterion- and norm-referenced scores are based on the scaled score.

How can I help my child prepare for a STAR assessment?

The teacher who gives the test uses pre-test instructions to explain the test to your child. It is important for you to encourage your child to try to do his or her best on the assessment. Since STAR is a general measure of student ability in math or reading, students perform best on the assessment in the same way they perform best in school—when they have had plenty of rest, attend school regularly, and have eaten.

How will I know how my child is doing?

Teachers will communicate the results of the STAR assessments with you by running a Parent Report. Often teachers may share this information during a parent/teacher conference. Due to federal privacy laws, Renaissance Learning is not able to release an individual student's data directly to parents.