

TerraNova InView

TerraNova InView is administered to students in **fourth and sixth** grades at Summit Hill School District 161 as one of the components for placement consideration into the SUMMIT program.

What is the TerraNova InView Test? TerraNova InView is an assessment of cognitive abilities. The Cognitive Skills Index (CSI) is derived from five sub-tests that assess the following cognitive areas:

- Verbal Reasoning-Words
- Verbal Reasoning-Context
- Sequences
- Analogies
- Quantitative Reasoning

When is the TerraNova InView Test given? The Terra Nova InView Test will be administered in February. More information on exact dates will be forthcoming from your child's building principal.

EXPLORE Assessment

EXPLORE is the placement test that District 210 uses. The students in **eighth grade** are tested in reading, language, math and science. The test is given in the fall and Lincoln Way North will contact parents regarding their child's scores.

PARCC State Assessment

Please visit on the following link to access, *Three things you need to know about PARCC.*

<http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/parcc/2015/three-things1408.pdf>

English Language Arts assessments will demonstrate:

- Whether students can read and comprehend texts of varying complexities.
- How well students can integrate information across sources to make a persuasive argument.
- The degree to which students can use context to determine the meaning of academic vocabulary.

Math assessments will demonstrate:

- Whether students understand and can use important math ideas, including number sense, algebraic thinking, geometry, and data analysis.
- The extent to which students can use math facts and reasoning skills to solve real-world problems.
- How well students can make math arguments.

~ Source - *National PTA - The Parents Guide to New Assessment in Illinois*

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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.

STAR Early Literacy Enterprise™ is the leading computer-based diagnostic assessment of early literacy skills developed for 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 25 minutes, and the STAR Early Literacy Enterprise test in 15–20 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 scaled scores range from 300–900. 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.