

Assessment/Testing: Students will be assessed in a variety of ways, both formally and informally throughout the school year. The words most often used with assessments at IB are *Formative* assessments (to inform the teacher; such as quizzes and tests) and *Summative* assessments (for students to show their knowledge; final unit tests, projects, reports).

In addition, students will be involved with the following assessments:

- **CogAT** (Cognitive Abilities Test): consensus testing given to all 2nd graders in South Carolina to assess cognitive ability. This is one of the assessments used for GT identification.
- **MAP** (Measure of Academic Progress): a computerized adaptive assessment given 2 times a year to note strengths, weaknesses and progress or lack of. This assessment is used for teachers to help drive instructional practices.
- **SCREADY** (South Carolina College-and-Career Ready Assessments): an online assessment given to students in **grades 3-5** in the area of ELA, Math and Writing. Students will receive a score of Exceeds, Meets, Approaches, Does Not Meet.
- **SCPASS** (South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards): an online assessment given to students in grades 4th for Science and grade 5th for Social Studies. Students will receive a score of Exemplary, Met or Not Met.
- **ACCESS** (English Language Learners): an assessment given to students who are currently identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) once a year (February) to note progress with English language proficiency in the areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- **Fountas & Pinnell:** reading assessment which is given one on one to students at least 3 times a year to note progress or lack of with reading skills. A grade level equivalency is given. On the report card this is noted as being reading above, on, or below grade level.

For more information concerning the interpretation of test scores/assessments, please review the following links:

<https://www.ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/>

<https://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/state-assessments/sc-ready/2017/school-scores-by-grade-level/?ID=0701033>

Should you have specific questions surrounding state, local or building level assessments, please contact Donald Clendaniel (Assistant Principal/Test Coordinator).