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NOTIFICATION OF TESTING
Academic Screening and Growth Tests, Grades 3-8

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Virginia Literacy Act (VLA) and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) require schools to provide reading and mathematics screening tests for all students in grades 3-8. These assessments also fulfill a requirement for reading and mathematics growth assessments within the Virginia Assessment Program (VAP). Test results help families and teachers know how to support each student's learning and development.

- **Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Math** - required for all students who are scheduled to take the spring Standards of Learning (SOL)
- **iReady Reading** - required for all students who are scheduled to take the spring SOL
- **Virginia Language and Literacy Screening System (VALLSS)** - required for certain students based on other reading performance data

If your student is identified to participate in VALLSS, you will receive additional communication from your student's school with details about this assessment. Families may also choose to opt-in to VALLSS participation by contacting their student's teacher.

Teachers assess grade 3-8 students with MAP Math, iReady Reading, and VALLSS in fall, winter, and spring. The *Academic Screening, Growth, and Diagnostic Tests* webpage (https://www.fcps.edu/academic-screening-growth-and-diagnostic-tests) provides more information on these tests.

iReady and MAP tests are generally delivered during the classroom instructional block. VALLSS may be delivered within classroom instruction or at another time, such as an intervention or advisory period. The division schedule for iReady, MAP, and VALLSS tests can be found on the *Grade Level Tests* webpage (https://www.fcps.edu/academics/student-tests-assessments/grade-level-tests). Teachers set specific testing schedules for students in their class.

Based on academic screening results, some students may require a reading plan or math intervention plan. Some students may require additional diagnostic tests to help teachers determine specific areas for support. If you have questions about academic screening, growth, or diagnostic tests, please contact your student's teacher or the school's test coordinator.

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