

NOTIFICATION OF TESTING
iReady and Developmental Spelling Analysis, Grades 1-6

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) adopted iReady assessments as an academic universal screener for all elementary school students in grades 1-6. In addition to the iReady assessment, all elementary school students in grades 1-6 complete the Developmental Spelling Analysis (DSA).

The purpose of iReady assessments is to identify students who may have gaps in foundational literacy and mathematics skills. iReady tests are also used to measure student progress in reading and mathematics skills. The purpose of the DSA is to measure the development of spelling skills.

The iReady assessment includes a reading test and a mathematics test. In grades 1-3, teachers also assess students' oral reading fluency to fulfill state testing requirements. Based on test results, some students may require additional assessments to further diagnose specific skills that may need support.

All students complete iReady and DSA in fall and spring each year. Depending on fall performance, a student may take an assessment again in the winter. iReady and DSA are delivered within the classroom instructional block. Schools set the specific dates for testing in each class. Your student's teacher or the school test coordinator will share the specific dates scheduled for testing. You can find information about general timing of iReady and DSA testing on the grade level tests webpage (<https://www.fcps.edu/student-assessment/grade-level-tests>).

Additional information can be found at the iReady Universal Screener webpage (<https://www.fcps.edu/us>). If you have further questions about these assessments, please contact your student's teacher or the school test coordinator.