

STARS tests (ESU #13 assessments)

Description:

Assessments developed by a consortium of local teachers. These tests are intended to measure the state content standards. A majority of the items are multiple choice, but some tasks are performance based.

Teachers are provided a master copy of each test. If you are missing a test, or any part of a test please let the assessment office know. The assessment office will provide sheets for students to record their answers and answer keys so that teachers can check student work.

Timeline:

All STARS tests can be given at point of instruction. All student scores must be turned in to the assessment office no later than **May 3**. This ensures that data is ready to send to Lincoln on time.

Reading

Description:

No longer used for reporting.

Purpose:

STARS reading tests are no longer used for reporting student performance to the state department. It has been replaced by the NeSA-Reading test. The related readings (comprehension) portion will be used as benchmark and progress monitoring quizzes. All other portions of the STARS reading test may be used as instructional units or classroom assessments.

Math

Description:

No longer used for reporting.

Purpose:

STARS math tests are no longer used for reporting student performance to the state department. It has been replaced by the NeSA-Math test. Portions of the STARS math tests may be used as instructional units or classroom assessments.

Science:**Description:**

Assessments developed by a consortium of local teachers. These tests are intended to measure the state science STAR standards.

Science tests are given grades 3, 5, 8 and 11. Juniors who have already passed the tests do not have to retake them.

Purpose:

Scores from 5th, 8th, and 11th graders are used to determine state ratings for performance. Scores on STARS tests given in grades 3 and 9 are used for local decision making.

Timeline:

All STARS tests can be given at point of instruction. All completed bubble sheets must be turned in to the assessment office no later than **May 3**.

Social Studies:**Description:**

Assessments developed by a consortium of local teachers. These tests are intended to measure the state social studies standards.

Purpose:

All information from the social studies tests is used for local decision making. If a teacher indicates that they have other methods of assessing these standards, the STARS tests are not mandatory.