

## Is this a new test?

The West Virginia General Summative Assessment is new this year and replaces the WESTEST 2. The assessment in math and English language arts is aligned to the Next Generation Standards, which set clear, consistent guidelines for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Students in grades 4, 6, and 10 are also assessed on the 21st Century Science Standards and Objectives.

## What subjects and grades are tested?

The West Virginia General Summative Assessment measures student performance in English language arts/literacy and math in grades 3-11 and in science in grades 4, 6, and 10.

## What do the student reports show?

The student test results mark a new baseline that enables all of us to know where students stand on their path to success in college and career. We are committed to ensuring that all students are prepared with the critical thinking, problem solving, and reasoning skills that they need to be successful in life.

Students scoring at or above Level 3 as indicated on their reports are on target for being academically ready for college-level coursework or entering the workforce following graduation.

## What can teachers do with the results?

Our dedicated teachers are focused on helping all students succeed. These test results are one of many factors that provide teachers with feedback as to how they can better meet the needs of the students in their classrooms. Districts will work with teachers to reflect on their practices and strengthen instruction through continued professional development and collaboration.

## What can schools do with the results?

Having accurate and descriptive data is an important part of ensuring that our schools are providing all students with a quality education. The data will help schools improve instruction, strategically support teachers, and assess school performance as compared with other schools across our state and country.

## What can parents do with the results?

Parents should review the results and talk with teachers to identify strategies to improve student performance. For example, tutoring or after-school programs may be available to help students practice their skills. In addition, parents can support their children's learning at home by focusing on areas of difficulty. Parents should also encourage their children to do their best and reassure them that test scores are only one indicator of progress.

## What can parents do to help their children?

Parents are essential to student success. By working together with their children's teachers, they can identify ways of supporting their children both in and outside the classroom. Teachers may be able to recommend strategies and resources parents can use at home with their children.