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AK STAR reports are available for students in grades 3-9.

The Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) is Alaska's state assessment for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. In spring of 2026, AK STAR was administered to students in grades three to nine. AK STAR provides an opportunity for students to show what they know and can do related to Alaska's ELA and mathematics standards, which were adopted in June 2012. For the second year, AK STAR also included a growth component, similar to the MAP Growth interim assessments many districts administer in fall and winter. This growth component provided a RIT score and growth percentiles. This approach allows a student to take just **one** test but receive both a scale score (RIT score), a national percentile ranking (NPR), and a summative score that shows how they compare to other students taking the same grade assessment across America as well as measure their levels of proficiency according to the Alaska Standards.

AK STAR results are a necessary component of making data-informed decisions for students, families, teachers, administrators, district leadership, and policy makers:

- For our students and families, assessment results can help determine strengths and challenges, and how to utilize both to continue academic growth.
- For our teachers and school administrators, assessment results can help evaluate progress, find areas for improvement, and focus on what students need most.
- For our policymakers and district leadership, assessment results can ensure resources are allocated to the most vital areas of need.

The student results from these tests are now available, and teachers at your school can help you understand the report if you have questions. In addition, the Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) has published a Family Guide for your use. [Click here for the Family Guide to Student Reports](#). The Family Guide can be found on [DEED's assessment webpage](#) (education.alaska.gov/assessments), along with other resources.

Your student's Individual Score Report (ISR) is accessible in PowerSchool. To access your child's assessment reports in the parent portal of Power School, log in and click the "Test Scores" link in the left navigation pane. You will then see the available test result PDF file links. You will also be able to print the reports if desired.

Please reach out to your child's school with any questions and thank you for your continued partnership.