



Freedom Area Elementary School  
2020-2021  
Assessment Listing

\*\*If you have questions regarding these assessments, or if you would like to inquire about opting out of these assessments, please contact Emily Mather at [emather@freedomarea.org](mailto:emather@freedomarea.org) or by calling 724.775.1122.

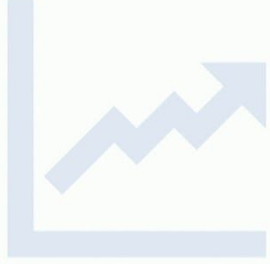
## PSSA Testing Window 2020-2021

Assessment	Dates	Grade(s)
English Language Arts	April 19-23, 2021	Grades 3-8
Mathematics, Science and Make-ups	April 26-April 30, 2021	Grades 3-8
*Optional Additional Math, Science and Makeups*	May 3-7, 2021	Grades 3-8

\* Early reporting materials return deadline is April 30. Districts may receive early reporting for all materials shipped by April 30. Regular reporting will be available for the materials shipped after April 30.



# WHAT IS DIBELS 8<sup>TH</sup> EDITION?



DIBELS 8 is a more comprehensive literacy assessment system that **expands on** and **refines** features of previous DIBELS editions

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Dibels is utilized in our Kindergarten classrooms as a screening diagnostic. It is taken three times per year (August, December, May) with results shared with parents.

# Star Assessments



STAR 360 Assessments are taken in grade levels K-4 three times per year as a diagnostic. This takes place in August/September, January, and April/May. The categories for assessment include early literacy, reading, and math.

Please go to the following link to review the parent's guide to Star Assessments <https://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-star-assessments/>



## Screening

Which students are meeting school, district, or state benchmarks and which may need additional support?

## Forecasting performance on summative tests

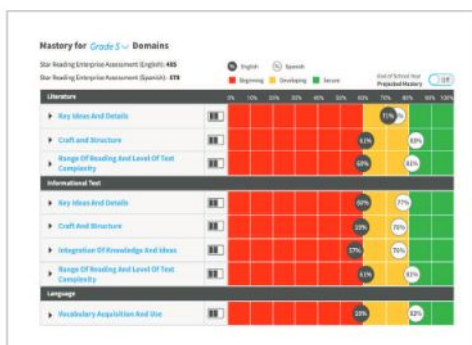
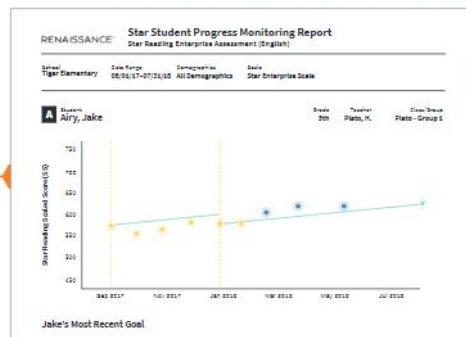
How are students likely to perform on state assessments, the ACT and SAT?

## Progress monitoring

What's a reasonable goal and are students on track to achieve it?

## Growth

Are students growing enough?



## Standards mastery

How well are students mastering standards and skills?

## Instructional planning

Which skills are students ready to learn and how can I more easily differentiate instruction?

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Next Step Guided Reading Assessment is taken by Kindergarten through Fourth grade three times per year (August, December, May) with progress monitoring intermittently.




Next Step in Guided Reading Assessment, K-2



Next Step in Guided Reading Assessment, 3-6

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The CDT, Classroom Diagnostic Tool is given to students in Grade 4 in the areas of Science. This diagnostic is given in September, January, and May. To view more information please visit the SAS site listed below: <https://www.pdesas.org/Page/Viewer/ViewPage/9>

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Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) are based on content assessed by the Keystone Exams and the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Although not a predictor for PSSA and Keystone Exam performance, CDTs provide a snapshot on why and how students may still be struggling or exceeding grade and/or course Eligible Content. The CDT data, along with other data, informs instruction in a timely and efficient manner.

- Available for use in the classroom throughout the school year on a voluntary basis.
- Provide real-time results, ensuring valid and reliable measures, of students' skills with links to Materials and Resources in SAS.
- Highlight student strengths and areas of need thus becoming part of the discussions between teachers, parents/ guardians, and students to set individual learning goals.

To access enrollment information and other documents for the Classroom Diagnostic Tools, please visit: <https://pa.drcdirect.com>.

General Information

Parent Resources

CDT Skills Pamphlets

CDT Student Metacognition Templates

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General CDT Information

- [Classroom Diagnostic Tools \(CDT\) Overview](#)
- [Classroom Diagnostic Tool \(CDT\) Frequently Asked Questions](#)

