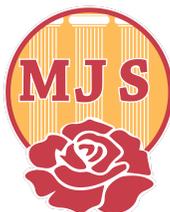


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Star Reading & Star Math FAQ

What do teachers learn from the Star Reading and Star Math tests, and how are they using assessment data?

Teachers can use Star data to pinpoint strengths or areas in need of support for a whole grade, a specific class, or a single student. Data from the assessment is used to inform instruction, gauge students' progress, and identify whether or not students are meeting the expectations of state standards. The Star tests are also used as screening tools to look for students who might need interventions and help identify accelerated program candidates.

How often will I get Star reports from MJS?

Madison Public Schools assesses students via Star in grades K-8. At the junior school, we have three test windows - Fall, Winter, and Spring. You can expect your child's junior school results for each window to go home with students on report card day for Marking Periods 1, 2, and 3.

Is Star the only data teachers use in the classroom?

No. Star tests are just one component of many that teachers use to assess student growth and mastery in the classroom. Because Star tests are only given three times per year teachers have an array of other strategies to assess students, including the use of daily formative assessments and check-ins, classwork, homework, and summative quizzes and tests.

Can I help my child study for Star?

The Star assessment tests students on what they currently know and gives a precise picture of current skill levels. The Star assessment is adaptive and tests a student's skills in real-time, constantly adjusting the difficulty depending on a child's earlier responses. For example, for every question that a child answers correctly, the system raises the difficulty level of the next question. For this reason, it is not recommended that students study for this assessment as it is meant to take a natural snapshot of current knowledge and track this growth each year.

I have questions about my child's Star data. Who can I contact?

Contact your child's math or English teacher if you have further questions about your child's results.