Elementary Academic Screening Tests, Grades PreK-2

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Virginia government requires assessments for the Virginia Literacy Act (VLA) and Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP)* in all schools. These assessments help state officials understand literacy and school readiness needs across Virginia. Additionally, the mathematics screener in grades 1-2 fulfills a Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) requirement. Test results also help teachers, school leaders, and parents know how to support each student's learning and development. The *Academic Screening, Growth, and Diagnostic Tests* webpage (https://www.fcps.edu/academic-screening-growth-and-diagnostic-tests) provides more information on these tests.

Grade	Literacy Test	Mathematics Test
PreK-K	Virginia Language and Literacy Screening System (VALLSS)	Early Mathematics Assessment System (EMAS)
1-2	VALLSS	iReady Math

* In addition to the EMAS, VKRP also requires PreK-K teachers to observe a student's self-regulation and social skills using the Child Behavior Rating Scale (CBRS).

Teachers assess all PreK-2 students with the VALLSS in fall, winter, and spring. Grade PreK-K EMAS tests are given in fall and spring only. In grades 1-2, all students take the iReady Math test in fall and spring, but only students whose fall score is below benchmark will retest in winter. Tests are delivered within the classroom instructional block. Teachers set specific testing dates for each class. General timing for required screening is available on the *Grade Level Tests* webpage (https://www.fcps.edu/academics/student-tests-assessments/grade-level-tests).

Based on academic screening results, some students may require a reading plan or math intervention plan. Some students may need additional diagnostic tests to help teachers determine specific areas for support. If you have questions about academic screening, growth, or diagnostic tests, please contact your student's teacher or the school's test coordinator.