



# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

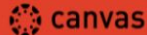


Nikolaevsk School educator Billeen Carlson is the Alaska Society for Technology in Education (ASTE) 2022 Teacher of the Year!



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## District News

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A graphic for "Friday Early Release Days" featuring various educational icons like a gear, a lightbulb, a graduation cap, and a person, along with the text "READY" and "Friday Early Release Days".

Friday  
Early Release Days

KPBSD CHILD FIND

**Free Developmental  
Vision and Hearing Screenings  
for preschoolers (age 3 to 5)**

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A graphic with the word "Learn" in large, colorful letters, surrounded by icons of hands and a graduation cap.

Learn

EMERGENCY ROADBLOCK Helping Households Connect





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## Assessment



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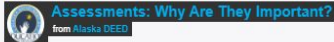
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### Assessments: Why Are They Important?



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WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

Assessments

### Department Mission

The Mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Assessment Department is to ensure that students have been provided every opportunity to show their knowledge level in multiple ways, provide the results information to district staff and meet State and Federal reporting requirements.

### Assessments

Alaska's Assessment System is composed of five statewide assessments including the Development Profile, Alternate Assessment, English Language Proficiency Assessment, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), and the Statewide Summative Assessment. In addition to the assessments required by the state, KPBSD uses information gathered by AIMSweb Plus and NWEA MAP assessments.

- [Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development assessments](#)

### Assessment Information

- [View the Assessment Calendar](#)
- [View the Benchmark Testing Schedule](#)

### Accountability/Reports

A variety of annual reports are produced to fulfill federal/state and district mandates. Reports include:

- [School Report Card](#)
- [KPBSD School Board Students Assessment Results](#)

### Department Pages

[AK System of Academic Readiness \(AK STAR\)](#)

[Common Assessments](#)



## TEST DESIGN

	MAP GROWTH	AK STAR
<b>PURPOSE</b>	INTERIM ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR TO MONITOR STUDENT PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING A STATE'S LEARNING EXPECTATIONS	SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO MEASURE STUDENT PROFICIENCY AND PLACE STUDENTS INTO ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS
<b>TEST FREQUENCY</b>	FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING IN Y1*; FALL AND WINTER ONLY STARTING IN Y2	SPRING (ONE TIME PER YEAR)
<b>ITEM POOL</b>	ON- AND OFF-GRADE ITEMS	ON-GRADE ITEMS ONLY
<b>ADAPTIVE TESTING</b>	ITEM-LEVEL ADAPTIVE (ADAPTS ITEM-BY-ITEM)	Y1 LINEAR (FIXED FORM) Y2 ADAPTIVE DESIGN
<b>TEST LENGTH</b>	EITHER WHEN THE STUDENT MEETS THE TERMINATION CRITERIA OR REACHES THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ITEMS FOR A TEST	A FIXED NUMBER OF ITEMS FOR EVERY STUDENT
<b>REPORTING</b>	RIT SCORES, GROWTH NORMS, AND PROJECTED PROFICIENCY ON THE SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT	Y1-PROFICIENCY SCORES AND ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DISTRIBUTIONS Y2-RIT SCORES WILL ALSO BE REPORTED

\*Y1=SPRING 2022 & Y2= SPRING 2023

# AK STAR

ALASKA SYSTEM OF ACADEMIC READINESS

## TALKING POINTS FOR SCHOOL LEADERS

AK Star is Alaska's innovative assessment system. The AK Star System connects MAP Growth interim assessments with the end-of-the-year AK STAR summative assessment.

### BALANCED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- ★ Increases coherence between standards, assessment, and instruction
- ★ Aligns to Alaska's ELA and Mathematics Standards for grades 3-9
- ★ Aims to produce more actionable data for teaching and learning
- ★ Connects MAP Growth interim assessments to the AK STAR summative assessment, beginning in 2023
- ★ Includes an adaptive design that aligns to a student's current abilities, allowing for a unique testing experience for each student

### STREAMLINED TESTING EXPERIENCE

- ★ Reduces the number of tests students take, beginning in 2023, to MAP Growth in fall and winter, and the AK STAR summative in spring
- ★ Uses a computer-based administration system with embedded student supports
- ★ Creates a more efficient testing experience
- ★ Maximizes classroom instruction time

### MEANINGFUL REPORTING

- ★ Produces timely, instructionally relevant results
- ★ Enhances score precision
- ★ Establishes a RIT score that reflects individual student performance on the interim and summative assessments, which allows for tracking student progress through the school year
- ★ Generates projected proficiency scores from fall and winter interim assessments, and produces an actual proficiency score from the spring summative assessment
- ★ Informs instructional adjustments, interventions, and enrichment

### CELEBRATES GROWTH

- ★ Recognizes and celebrates students' academic progress
- ★ Increases opportunities for students to show growth with data available throughout a school year, independent of whether students are proficient yet
- ★ Allows for more timely insights on students' projected progress towards grade-level standards and their individual academic growth

### ASSESSMENT LITERACY

- ★ Broadens understanding of the purpose and use of a range of assessment measures
- ★ Strengthens educator capacity to effectively use assessment tools and data
- ★ Uses data effectively and applies strategies for data-informed decision making
- ★ Implements formative instructional practices and utilize data to inform instruction

The statewide test window for AK STAR summative assessment is March 28 – April 29, 2022. Districts may administer the spring MAP Growth assessment in their regularly scheduled interim testing window.



Participate in  
**AK STAR**  
ALASKA SYSTEM OF ACADEMIC READINESS

- Inform instructional & resource decisions
  - Influence policy
  - Accountability
  - Linking study