



MKAS2 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment

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Key Information and Dates

- 1. About the test:** The 3rd Grade Summative Assessment is a multiple-choice test that will be given online via a computer or tablet in your child's school. All 3rd grade public school students are required to take this assessment.
- 2. Content and skills:** The assessment covers the Mississippi College- and Career-Ready Standards of reading for foundational skills, informational text, literature, and language.
- 3. Number of questions:** The assessment has 50 multiple choice questions.
- 4. Testing dates:** The 3rd Grade Summative Assessment will be given during the testing window of **March 28 - April 15, 2016**. There will be two retake opportunities for students who do not pass the assessment the first time. The first retest will take place during the window of **May 16-20, 2016**. The second and final retake opportunity will take place during **June 27 – Aug. 5, 2016**.

Video for Parents

To view the informational video, *Literacy-Based Promotion Act Parents as Partners*, visit www.mde.k12.ms.us/mkas2. The video provides an overview of the legislation and strategies that can be used at home to help improve reading outcomes for children.

Why will students take the MKAS2 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment?

The Literacy-Based Promotion Act requires students to take the MKAS2 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment to ensure they are reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade. Research has proven that students who are not reading on grade level at the end of 3rd grade are likely to struggle as they progress in school. Students who do not qualify for a "good cause exemption" must pass the 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment in order to be promoted to 4th grade.

What should I ask my child's teacher now?

1. Is my child reading grade-level books, stories, poems, and articles with fluency and understanding?
2. What are the results of my child's STAR report? This report provides information about your child's reading progress throughout the school year.
3. What can I do at home to prepare my child for the 3rd Grade Summative Assessment?

How can I support my child's reading development at home?

1. Build reading accuracy by having your child read aloud. Point out any missed words and help your child read the words correctly. Then have your child reread the sentence to be sure he/she understands the meaning.
2. Create a quiet place for your child to study, do homework, and read.
3. Carve out time every day for your child to do homework, study, and read, making these activities a part of your child's daily routine.
4. Talk frequently with your child's teacher about his/her progress. Ask for specific tips about what you can do to help at home.