



Dear NNPS Middle School Families,

Newport News Public Schools administers diagnostic assessments in order to determine support needs and monitor student growth throughout the school year. All students in grades 6-8 will take the Reading Growth Measure.

The HMH Reading Growth Measure is a research-based, computer-adaptive test (CAT) that measures a student's performance against grade-level expectations in reading comprehension and language arts. The results of this diagnostic are used to help inform instruction, intervention, and goal setting for your child.

The results of subsequent Growth Measure tests may be used to track student progress and growth over the course of a school year.

The HMH Reading Growth Measure offers multiple measures including:

- **Scaled Score** - represents items a student answer correctly, accounting for item difficulty (G01- G99, where the "G" represents the Grade Level of the test administered).
- **Performance Level** – categories for the Scaled Score. The categories are Far Below Level, Below Level, Approaching, On Level, and Above Level and indicates a student's readiness to learn on-grade level content.
- **Grade Level Equivalence** (GLE) - shows how close a student is doing grade level work.
- **Lexile® Interval** - indicates a student's reading ability along the developmental continuum.

Virginia Code (Code19.50) requires that parents receive:

- notification of any literacy and intervention screening and/or diagnostic assessments given; or
- notification that the student did not meet the benchmark for the diagnostic/assessment, along with assessment scores and sub scores and any intervention plan that results from such assessment scores or sub scores.

Your student will complete a Fall , Mid-Year, and End-of-Year administration of the Reading Growth Measure during the following windows: **September 11-15, January 16-24, and June 3-7**. Scores from these assessments will be shared with families. Please consult with your student's teacher for further information. Wishing your student(s) a successful year!

Thank you for your support,

The NNPS Secondary English Team