

TITLE I NEWS

Rockingham County Public Schools

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Let's Talk About Tests



What tests does my child take?

In Virginia and in Rockingham County students are given tests in PreK through grade 5. These are the tests given at each time of year and at each grade level:

≡ FALL ≡

Grades PreK - 5 PALS

(Phonemic Awareness Literacy Screening)

≡ WINTER ≡

Grades K - 5 PALS

≡ SPRING ≡

Grades PreK - 5 PALS

Grades 3 - 5

RCPS Writing Assessment

Grades 3 - 5

SOL in Reading & Math (Standards of Learning)

Grade 5

SOL in Science & Social Studies

Grade 1

RCPS Assessment in Math

Grade 2

RCPS Assessments in Reading, Math, Science, & Social Studies

Grades 3 - 4

RCPS Assessments in Science & Social Studies

How can I help at home?

These LITTLE Things Can Make a BIG Difference during Tests AND in the Classroom

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD

1. Gets plenty of sleep.
2. Eats a nutritious breakfast.
3. Has a relaxed morning routine with no drama or upset.
4. Is on time to school everyday.
5. Gets regular encouragement.

I am proud of you!

ESTABLISH GOOD STUDY HABITS

Set up a quiet space with school supplies and try to do homework at the same time everyday.

Do some type of homework everyday. No assignments? Read a book together or practice math facts.

Make learning FUN!

Play games, visit computer sites, or draw pictures to illustrate new ideas.

Why does my child need to take tests?

We know that testing can be stressful for our students, however all of our test results provide important information for teachers so they are able to plan appropriate instruction. This data helps students on and above grade level as well as children needing additional help. Results are also used to help develop goals for the Title I Plan and for each school's annual plan.