



## A Parent's Guide to the Student Assessment Profile

To provide the most information to parents as possible on your child's academic progress, we attached a copy of your child's "Student Assessment Profile" along with their report card. This is a tool that our teachers use to compare student performance on benchmark tests throughout the year. This report includes **Baseline Data** (information from the last academic year) and **Current Data** (information from the current school year). A "0" (zero) on this report simply means that the test has not yet been administered to the student. Below is some information on tests included in this report:

### PSSA

- This test is a state-mandated assessment in English & Language Arts, Math, and Science that determines a school's Adequate Yearly Progress.
- Scores are reported as Passing (Advanced & Proficient) or Not Passing (Basic & Below Basic).
- This is administered once a year in Grades 3-8 in March and April.

### CDT- Classroom Diagnostic Tools

- This test administered on a computer and is made up of items that look very similar to the PSSA to give the students an opportunity to take a test that is similar to the PSSA.
- Scores are reported for Reading, Math, and Writing.
- This is administered three times per school year in Grades 3-8. **Although this test is administered early in the school year, it contains topics that may not be covered until later in the school year.**
- The *Score* is the student's scaled score on the test.
- A *Level* is reported as Red (developing), Green (achieving), and Blue (exceeding).

### HSP Math Inventory Test

- This test offers math skills that will be covered during the school year.
- It is administered twice a year in Grades 1 & 2.
- The score is a percentage of how many items the student answered correctly on the test.

### Gates MacGinitie Reading Test

- This test offers a general level of reading achievement for individual students.
- It is administered twice a year in Grades 1-8 (September & May).
- A *Raw Score* is how many questions a student answered correctly.
- A *Percentile Rank* is an indicator of where a student's performance fits within the performance of other students in the same grade. PRs are placed on a scale of 1 to 99 and indicate the percentage of students in the group that your child scored as well as or better than.
- A *Grade Equivalency* is the grade level. GEs do not predict the grade in which a student should be placed. Thus, a GE of 6.5 (6<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> month) earned by a third grader does not indicate that the third grader can do sixth-grade work.

### DRA- Developmental Reading Assessment

- This test offers oral reading (ability to call the words on the page), fluency (speed & expression or intonation), retelling/ comprehension (ability to share or retell the story to a friend.)
- It is administered once per marking period in Grades K-2.
- The Assessment Profile includes a student's score, and the target score for that grade in that quarter.

*"It may take a village to raise a child...but it takes a TOWNE to educate one."*