



A Community of Learners

Informational Memo: 2018-19 Assessment Calendar

TO: School Board
Superintendent Kocanda

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Overview and Background

District 36 utilizes a comprehensive suite of assessments utilizing multiple measures to provide information on student performance. The listing of our assessment portfolio and calendar for the 2018-19 school year can be found here: [2018-19 Assessment Calendar](#)

Last year, District 36 administered the MAP assessment during the fall, winter and spring for grades 3-8. We recommend continuing to provide the MAP three times per year as the assessment provides valuable formative assessment information to support students and inform instruction. There will be no changes to the MAP test other than a minor date change. Based on feedback from teachers and administrators, the timing of the MAP assessment window will be moved up one week in the spring.

In the fall of 2017, teachers used the State of Illinois mandated Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) for the first time. The KIDS survey is an observational tool designed to help teachers, administrators, families and policymakers better understand the developmental readiness of children entering kindergarten. The Illinois State Board of Education notes, “The results of KIDS do not reflect the work taking place in schools prior to or after KIDS data collection. Children’s experiences prior to kindergarten do not reflect district or school performance.”

Teachers are required to report on fourteen indicators to determine the readiness of kindergarten students in the areas of social emotional learning, math, and language development. Per state requirements, the KIDS assessment will be administered to students this fall during the first forty school days.

Data for Winnetka Public Schools and State is listed below:

	SEL and Regulation	Math	Language and Literacy
Winnetka*	77%	57.5%	66.4%
IL State Average	54.9%	36.9%	51.2%

*6 of 8 Kindergarten classes reported

Fall data was released by ISBE in August for the State of Illinois and can be found here. <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/KIDS-Public-Report.pdf>

While this was the first year teachers in Illinois utilized the KIDS assessment to report readiness for kindergarten, it is important to note that it has been a long standing practice for District 36 kindergarten teachers to monitor important developmental milestones in the areas of cognitive and social emotional development. The KIDS assessment is reflective of our current practices and shows promise in providing a more comprehensive picture of our students pre-kindergarten experience.

Alignment with the District 36 Shared Vision

Our shared vision emphasizes that we support and challenge all learners to actively engage in continual growth and achievement. District 36 utilizes feedback from multiple measures to ensure the ongoing growth and achievement of all students in the spirit of continuous improvement.