

## Erlanger/Elsmere Independent Schools Testing Transparency

Like most public school systems, the Erlanger/Elsmere Independent School district (EES) uses a variety of local, state and national assessments to help inform and shape the instructional practices of our staff.

In all of our classrooms, from PreK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, our staff makes use of teacher-developed assessments, shaped by the most recently approved State Standards, to provide information for both the school and home to help determine areas of strength and areas for growth of our students. These assessments may occur at the ends of units of study, at the end of quarters or semesters, and often take on the appearance of a traditional 'test' that many of us are familiar with.

Our schools also participate in a number of state-mandated examinations, including but not limited to the Brigance Kindergarten screener, K-Prep State Assessments for students in grades 3-8, and the ACT for students in grade 11. The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) also has a link with the various mandatory tests the state requires school districts to administer that you may wish to review:

<https://education.ky.gov/AA/Assessments/Pages/default.aspx>

These examinations not only provide feedback on student abilities in a variety of disciplines, but these overall school and district results are published and made public after a quality-control process.

Finally, our schools also make use of several nationally-normed assessment products to help our staffs dive even deeper into the individual needs of our students. Products like NWEA Measures of Academic Progress, the Standardized Testing and Reporting suite from Renaissance Learning, and Rosetta Stone's Lexia suite provide our teachers with yet another method to identify learning strengths and gaps, as well as potential support avenue to address these learning needs.

Should you ever have questions about the various assessments being used at your child's school, the testing schedule being used (which will vary by teacher, school, and sometimes by the State), and how we use the information we gather from these various exams, please feel free to reach out to your school's Principal or contact any member of our Central office administrative team for more information at (859) 727-2009.