



## Arkansas Department of Education: DESE

### ATLAS Summative Testing Information

#### Jonesboro Public Schools Math and Science Magnet

#### What is the purpose of the ATLAS Summative tests?

Arkansas will be using the new Arkansas Teaching and Learning Assessment System for the spring of 2024. This new assessment is completely aligned to AR standards and educators from across the state have been involved throughout the entire development process. The summative test is one measurement used as a systems check within a school district. These assessments help inform districts and schools how to develop programs to best meet the needs of their students.

Students will receive Individual Student Reports in the fall of 24.

The **Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability System (AESAS)** Act 930 § 2 of 2017, is the state law that requires the state of Arkansas to test public school students.

#### What ATLAS tests will my child take?

Writing – Grades 3-10

Reading/English – Grades 3-10

Math – Grades 3-8

- Algebra I (EOC)
- Geometry (EOC)

Science – Grades 3-8

- Biology I (EOC)

The ATLAS assessments are untimed tests; however, students must finish the same day the test is started.

- The Writing test will be given between March 4<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Reading/English, Math, Science, and EOC assessments will be given between April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### How Parents Can Help

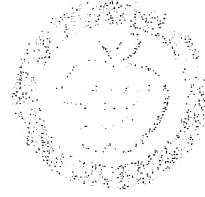
**When a test is being given, you can help by making sure your student:**

- gets plenty of sleep the night before the test;
- has breakfast on the morning of the test;
- goes to school on the day of a test;
- does not have any out-of-school appointments on the day of a test;
- knows you think he/she will do well on the tests; and
- knows you understand the test is important.

**To help your student learn at home:**

- encourage your student to read and read to your student;
- be interested in your student's daily school work;
- talk with and listen to your student daily;
- go to parent-teacher conferences and stay in regular contact with your student's

- teacher(s);
- get to know your student's teacher;
- remind your student that it is ok to ask questions in class; and
- check frequently to ensure that your student is completing all assigned work in a timely manner.



Research shows that the earlier we measure progress toward meeting educational standards, the more we can strengthen a student's chances to stay on target enabling him/her to succeed and be college and/or career ready upon graduating high school. These assessments ensure that all students in Arkansas public schools have an equal opportunity to demonstrate grade-level and subject area academic proficiency through the application of knowledge and skills in the core academic subjects consistent with state academic standards, and performance standards.

**Your child is scheduled to test on the following days and times.**

Writing - 3rd/4th Grade: Thursday, March 7 starting at 8:30  
 5th/6th Grade: Friday, March 8 starting at 8:30

Reading/English - 3rd/4th Grade: Wednesday, May 1 starting at 8:30  
 5th/6th Grade: Thursday, May 2 starting at 8:30

Math- 3rd/4th Grade: Tuesday, April 30 starting at 8:30  
 5th/6th Grade: Friday, May 3 starting at 8:30

Science- 3rd/4th Grade: Monday, April 29 starting at 8:30  
 5th/6th Grade: Monday, May 6 starting at 8:30