



Dear Parents,

The Archdiocese of Detroit is committed to increasing student achievement, monitoring student growth, and providing strong differentiated instruction to ALL students in the areas of early literacy, reading, and math. These efforts support the Diocese's mission to "unlock students' full potential."

In an effort to ensure that all teachers have effective tools to meet the needs of *all* the learners in their classrooms, the Archdiocese implemented the use of Renaissance Star 360 assessments last school year as a pilot program in thirteen of our K-8 schools with the goal of full implementation in the 2020-21

school year.

Renaissance Star 360 are screening assessments available in early literacy, reading, and math.

A screening assessment is a brief, diagnostic assessment that is given to students in identified grade levels to determine students' current skill levels in order to identify gaps in learning.

In addition, the use of this assessment data helps teachers, specialists, and administrators examine the effectiveness of classroom instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Typically, these assessments are given three times a year in September, January, and May to monitor student growth over time.

Who Gets Tested?

Grade 1 students complete the Early Literacy Renaissance 360 screener

Grade 1-8 students complete the Math and Reading Renaissance 360 screeners (grade 1 students will begin this type of screener once they have advanced beyond the Early Literacy screener)

Here are some key points about Renaissance Star 360 assessments:

1. Your child/children cannot study for this type of assessment;
2. These assessments are given three times a year (September/October, January, and May);
3. The data from your child's early literacy, reading and/or math assessment supports his/her classroom teacher in differentiating instruction to meet your child's specific learning needs;
4. The math and reading assessments assess your child's competency in the required knowledge and skills for his/her grade level aligned to the Diocese's curriculum standards;
5. The assessments are computer-adaptive, which means that the assessment adapts in difficulty to your child's skill ability during the test.
6. On average, Renaissance Star 360 assessments take no more than 25 minutes to complete.

The use of Renaissance Star 360 assessments allows your child's teacher to determine exactly what "he/she already knows" in order to prepare targeted instruction and intervention as needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher for additional information.

Peace and blessings!

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