Assessment Information Form
2026-2027 K-3 Math Diagnostic Assessments

This form provides general information about this assessment. The information is intended to be considered by districts before directly contacting providers about potential local procurements.

Assessment and Provider Information

PRODUCT:
i-Ready® Assessment (i-Ready Inform)

VENDOR:
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Nonbinding Cost Estimation Information

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Assessment Overview

Overview for districts describing in detail the assessment, its use and how the vendor supports implementation of the assessment.

An effective, valid, and reliable measure for grades K–3, i-Ready Inform for math—the main assessment component of the i-Ready Assessment suite—is rigorously field-tested. i-Ready Inform is strongly aligned with the Ohio Learning Standards (OLS) and will continue to be updated to address future changes to those standards. i-Ready's sophisticated computer-adaptive algorithms ensure students are assessed efficiently across several knowledge domains and provides one coherent program that supports students across grades K–12. The items presented adapt as students respond to each question—getting more or less challenging as needed—to inform a comprehensive diagnosis and identify each child's performance overall and down to the sub-skill levels in math.

Administration and Frequency

DEW requires that a math diagnostic assessment must be administered to students in grades K-3 by September 30 each year. However, i-Ready Inform may be given up to three times each school year, with 12–18 weeks of instruction between assessments. It is individually administered (one student to one computer) via a compatible, internet-enabled computer with headphones or speakers. i-Ready Inform is untimed. i-Ready saves each student's place upon exiting, allowing the assessment to be completed over multiple sessions of shorter duration. Curriculum Associates offers specific duration and implementation guidance for i-Ready Inform.

Use by Teachers

The detailed and precise measurement delivers immediate reports at the district, school, class, and student/group levels, giving teachers both norm-referenced and criterion-referenced data to guide instruction. Reports identify the instructional needs of students and provide explicit guidance for differentiation of instruction through i-Ready's downloadable and online resources, including Tools for Instruction. i-Ready Inform reports provides two benchmarks for growth: Typical Growth (a comparative—or normative—view of annual growth, answering how students are growing relative to comparable peers) and Stretch Growth (the amount of growth that a student should target to enter a path to attaining grade-level proficiency). If enabled, i-Ready can provide projections for each student's state test performance using their past i-Ready Inform scores and estimates of future growth. i-Ready projections provide a most conservative case (estimating no additional growth), a typical case (using fall scores plus Typical Growth), and a most ambitious case (using fall scores plus Stretch Growth). Reports also provide a grade-level placement score overall and by domain and information on each student's mastery of the OLS, norm score, and Quantile® level performance.

Included Assessments and Resources

The interim adaptive i-Ready Growth Monitoring (K–8) assessments help teachers monitor students' progress to determine if they are on track to meet annual growth targets. For math, purchase also includes the optional-to-administer i-Ready Standards Mastery (grades 2–8, to monitor students' mastery of each on-grade-level standard). Additional included resources available are: Next Steps for Instruction—the next skills in a developmental progression that the student needs to master based on results from i-Ready Inform; and

Tools for Instruction—downloadable, point-of-use PDF lesson plans to guide teacher-led instruction. LEAs may choose to purchase automated, interactive online instruction via the Personalized Instruction add-on.

Implementation Plan

In partnership with districts, we employ a straightforward and proven set-up process to ensure that district/school staffs—from district leaders to classroom teachers and families—are fully trained in assessment administration and analysis of results in accordance with Ohio state guidance to support instruction and accelerate student growth.