

**Curriculum Department Report to the Board of Education**  
**Curriculum Department Highlights**  
**May 24, 2023**

**To:** Mr. Watts, Superintendent  
Ms. Malone, Chairperson of the Board  
Members of the Board of Education

**Newport Curriculum Department Vision:**

We envision a day when **all leaders** of Newport Independent Schools exhibit high expectations and guarantee excellence of instruction, ensure equitable opportunities and leverage all high quality resources so that students, staff and leaders will **maximize** their fullest potential.

**District Assessment Coordinator**

**Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) - Testing Window May 8, 2023 through May 25, 2023**

Newport Independent Schools students at Newport Intermediate and Newport High School take the Kentucky Summative Assessments (KSA) to meet federal and state testing requirements. Previously, these tests were called Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP). They are developed by Kentucky teachers and align with the Kentucky Academic Standards in each content area.

KSA are the annual summative assessments given in grades 3 through 8, 10 and 11 to Kentucky public school students. KSA provides content area assessments, including reading and mathematics at all grades, and science, social studies, writing, and editing and mechanics once per grade band (i.e. elementary, middle, and high).

These assessments are Kentucky's measure of student proficiency and progress on the state content standards. These standards establish goals for what all students should know and be able to do in each grade. KSA are online assessments with only a small percentage of accommodated students taking it on paper. It goes beyond multiple-choice questions to include extended response and technology-enhanced items for students to demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Newport Independent will have completed the Kentucky Summative Assessment by May 24, 2023.

**Access for ELLs - ACCESS Testing Window: Jan. 5- Feb. 17, 2023**

To meet Title III requirements, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), states are mandated to identify and annually administer a standards-based English language proficiency test to all English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades K-12.

In order to comply with the requirement of an annual English Language Proficiency Assessment for ELLs, Kentucky joined the World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Consortium in 2006. The WIDA Consortium's goal is to provide research based assessments, standards and professional development to its member states.

WIDA provides Kentucky with a placement test called the Kindergarten WIDA Screener for Kindergarten, WIDA Online Screener (Grades 1-12), as well as the annual English Proficiency Assessment of ACCESS (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State) for ELLs (online assessment).

### **ACCESS for ELLs**

This is an English language assessment tied to the state's language proficiency standards with varying stages of second language acquisition. It contains social and academic language contexts. For Title I accountability, ACCESS for ELLs measures annual gains in English language proficiency.

Newport Independent has received it's results from the Access for ELL assessment. (please see attached)

**Director of Curriculum and Instruction**

**Newport High School Graduation**

May 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM

**Newport Intermediate School 6th grade Graduation**

May 24, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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