

Balanced Assessment System

October 9, 2023



Alignment to Goals

Strategic Plan

Student
Achievement

District
Improvement
Plan

Assessment/MTSS

Superintendent
Goals

Instructional
Leadership

Strategic
Leadership



BALANCED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM



Fayette County
Public Schools

BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT

- End of Unit Framework
- Evaluate Curriculum impact

Indicators: Mastery of Essential Standards

INTERIM ASSESSMENT

- Inform instruction and improvement
- Evaluate attainment of district and school improvement goals
- Monitor effectiveness of MTSS

Indicators: MAP Projected Proficiency Performance Levels, MAP Student Summary Goals Met or Not Met, MTSS Tiered Support

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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

- Fulfills federal and state requirements for accountability
- Demonstrates mastery of standards

Indicators: State Accountability Indicators

INTERIM ASSESSMENT

- Universal screener
- Predict student readiness
- Evaluate instructional impact

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FALL MAP Data

Benchmark/Interim Assessment (Academic)



Purpose

- **Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)** is a universal screener and serves as a benchmark/ interim (academic) assessment in our balanced assessment system
- Adaptive assessment with 40–53 questions depending on level and content area.
- It is based on Reading and Math Common Core State Standards and is skill based.
- Each student will receive a **RIT** (Rasch Unit) score that tells teacher where students are **Ready for Instruction Today**.
- Growth percentiles greater than the 50th generally lead to increased achievement.



Who Takes MAP?

- **Grade-Level:** Kindergarten - Grade 9
- **Frequency:** Fall, Winter, and Spring
- **Time:** 45-60 minutes

Comprehensive District Improvement Goals Reading and Math (by Spring 2025)



MAP (K-9)

- 100% grow in reading and math
- 60% meet growth projection in reading
- 55% meet growth projection in math

MAP Math Fall 2023



Grade-Level	Fall MAP National Norms	Fall 2022 RIT	Fall 2023 RIT
Kindergarten	139.6	128.4	137.1
Grade 1	160.0	142.7	163.0
Grade 2	175.0	162.4	174.4
Grade 3	188.5	174.2	189.1
Grade 4	199.6	188.1	199.9
Grade 5	209.1	198.9	208.1
Grade 6	214.8	208.7	215.0
Grade 7	220.2	212.7	219.2
Grade 8	224.9	219.1	224.1
Grade 9	226.4	*	224.0

MAP Reading Fall 2023



Grade-Level	Fall MAP National Norms	Fall 2022 RIT	Fall 2023 RIT
Kindergarten	136.7	128.5	134.9
Grade 1	155.9	138.8	158.5
Grade 2	172.4	157.9	171.6
Grade 3	186.6	171.6	187.5
Grade 4	196.7	186.7	197.7
Grade 5	204.5	197.1	205.3
Grade 6	210.2	205.6	211.5
Grade 7	214.2	210.8	215.1
Grade 8	218.0	215.3	218.8
Grade 9	218.9	*	219.3



Instructional Impact/Next Steps

- **Monitoring systems** that are in place to ensure the curriculum is taught at a high level of fidelity.
- Adjusting the curriculum (content and pacing) to **meet student needs** based on assessment results (formative and summative) [flexible time for academic interventions based on PLC determinations].
- Focus is on **students having an understanding of learning expectations** (e.g., learning targets, goal setting, and purpose) and know the criteria for success.
- **Analyzing data** in order to identify priorities and implement actionable steps that impact instruction/ student learning (PLCs, Data Meetings, MTSS, Student Support, etc.).
- Teachers and administrators **using demographic data to determine students' needs and appropriate academic interventions** (e.g., movement through the tiers of intervention, grouping/regrouping, teacher placement, scheduling).
- **Monitoring and evaluating data** to ensure high levels of teacher effectiveness and student learning.
- Promoting shared leadership opportunities among all teachers in order to **elevate a positive and supportive culture for learning**.



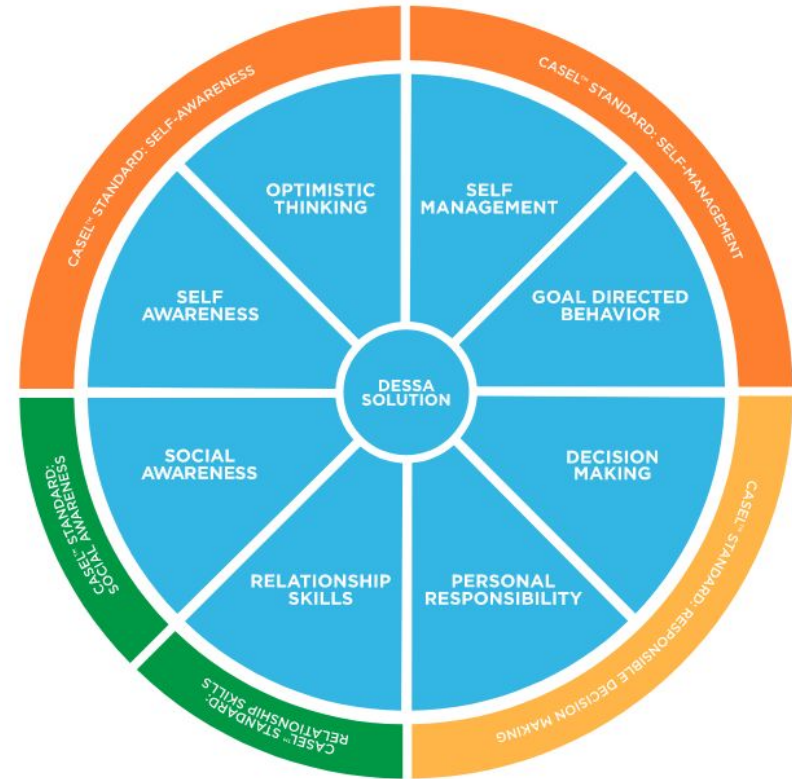
Coaching Next Steps

- FCPS Coaching Support Guidance has been developed that outlines FCPS coaching approaches, continuums and resources
- Multi-layered coaching structures have been developed to provide ongoing, sustainable instructional improvement
 - Aspiring Leaders Coaching: those who would like to be coaches
 - Current Coaches: district employees
 - Current Coaches: school-based employees
- FCPS coaching modules have been developed to support current school level coaches on how to build capacity within teams related to instructional improvement
 - Overview of the FCPS Coaching Structure
 - Module 1: Using Data to Differentiate Coaching Support
 - Module 2: Coaching Cycle: Pre-conferencing
 - Module 3: Using Questions to Build Capacity
 - Module 4: Focusing on Teachers' Strengths By Building and Utilizing Exemplar Classrooms
 - Module 5: Coaching Cycle: Post-conferencing and Beyond
 - Module 6: Using Data to Support Teachers and Determine Coaching Impact



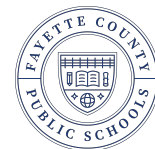
On the Horizon... Fall DESSA

- **What: The Devereaux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA)**
 - Benchmark/Interim Assessment (Social)
- **Purpose: Assesses eight social and emotional competencies and is intended to:**
 - Help educators plan Tier 1 SEL instruction & cross-curricular integration,
 - Document students' strengths and areas for growth,
 - Inform progress monitoring for tiered supports and extension activities,
 - Evaluate SEL program outcomes.





Fall DESSA



The DESSA Strengths Assessment measures the competencies through likert scale ratings (Never - Rarely- Sometimes - Often - Almost Always)

- **Optimistic Thinking:** I believe I can overcome setbacks.
- **Self Awareness:** I feel comfortable asking for help when I don't understand something.
- **Self Management:** I can motivate myself when I don't want to do something.
- **Social Awareness:** I show appreciation for others.
- **Relationship Skills:** I cooperate with others to solve a problem.
- **Personal Responsibility:** I accept responsibility for my actions.
- **Decision Making:** I gather information before making an important decision.
- **Goal-Directed Behavior:** I keep working until I achieve a goal.



Fall DESSA

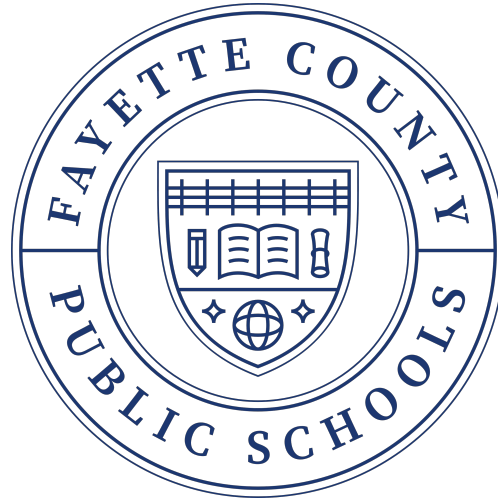
- **Logistics:**
 - Parents may opt-out of the assessment at the elementary level
 - In accordance with SB 150, parents must provide consent for their student to complete the Student-Self Report at the middle & high school level.
- **Who Completes the DESSA?**
 - At the elementary level, the DESSA tool is designed for teacher feedback, therefore completed by teachers in relation to individual students
 - At the secondary level, the DESSA Student Self-Report provides students the opportunity to self-evaluate and set personal growth goals
- **When will the DESSA be completed?**
 - The Fall 2023 rating window is **October 9-20**





Information for Parents about the DESSA

- Information about the DESSA has been sent to all families in English and the top 8 additional home languages in our district.
- Parents at the middle & high school level must provide consent before their student can complete the DESSA.
- Parent may view more information about the DESSA (including all of the questions included in the assessment) at websites included in the recent digital communications and on our [district website](#).
 - [Elementary DESSA](#)
 - [Middle School DESSA](#)
 - [High School DESSA](#)



Thank you!