

**Bovina Elementary  
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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Vicksburg Warren School District receives funds for education programs that are part of the Elementary and Secondary School Act (ESEA) as amended (2015).

This law requires that all states adopt challenging academic standards and tests based on those standards. There must be at least three levels of scores for students who take these tests. This includes tests in mathematics, reading or language arts, science and any other subject chosen by a state. States are required to administer an English language proficiency test for students who are English learners. Furthermore, states must administer an alternate test for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

These academic tests provide important information that helps teachers, the district, and the state of Mississippi in identifying students' strengths and weaknesses. Test results and other information are used to improve academic and language instruction for students. These tests are also used to identify schools that need extra support to improve student achievement. It is a requirement of the state and the district that all students participate in state and local testing.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a congressionally mandated test designed to serve as a common measure of student achievement across the country in mathematics, reading, science, and other subjects. NAEP is administered to selected students in the district.

Also as a parent, you have the right to request any state or district policy about these academic tests required by ESEA. Your child's state assessment results will be provided to you within thirty (30) days of availability to the district for distribution.

If you have any questions about the state testing, district testing, or both, please contact Dr. Jana Moore at 601-619-4453.

VWSD students in grades PreK-8 will take the state and district tests listed below.

STATE TEST		DISTRICT TEST	
TEST	GRADE	TEST	GRADE
Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP)	3-8	iReady	K-8
Mississippi Kindergarten Assessment Systems	PreK-K	District Benchmark Assessment	PreK-8
Renaissance (STAR)	K-3		
*English Language Proficiency Test (LAS LINKS)	K-8		

\*Applies only to English language learner