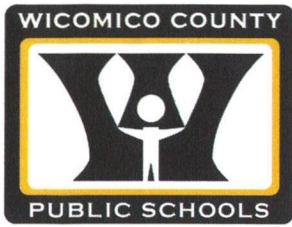


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September 7, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the weeks of September 13-24, your child will take the *i-Ready Diagnostic* computer-based reading assessment at a designated time assigned by your child's teacher. In accordance with state and local requirements, we will give students this diagnostic to determine their instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year in Reading, English, and Language Arts.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts the questions to suit your student's needs. Because of the adaptive component, the time frame for this assessment ranges from 30-75 minutes. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions. The purpose of this is not to give your student a score or grade, but instead to determine how best to support your student's learning. Since this online test provides immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, teachers can readily identify students with similar scores who are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

This assessment will be given two times over the course of the semester. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth, which you can review with your child's teacher for more insight.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about this assessment, visit: <https://i-readycentral.com/articles/engaging-families/>. You may also contact your child's teacher or the Office of Assessment and Accountability at 410.677.4477.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Hitch".

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