



## Assessments

Students are assessed in differing grade levels by a variety of local and statewide assessments. The former statewide assessment, New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP), tests of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics, introduced to Vermont Schools in 2005, were administered for the last time in October 2013. Vermont then made the transition to the Smarter Balanced Assessment System (SBAC), a comprehensive assessment system for English language arts/literacy and mathematics aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The Common Core State Standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and education experts to establish clear goals for learning that will prepare children for college and the workforce. The standards represent what we want our students to learn and be able to do in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. The end of year statewide testing occurs in the spring for grades 3 - 6. We also have local assessments for writing, reading, math, and science. There has been a statewide science assessment, NECAP Science, which all 4th graders in the state took in May. Last May was the last administration of NECAP Science. There will a new assessment that will be based on Next Generation Science Standards field tested in the spring of 2018 in 5th grade. Some assessments are reported back to the school in schoolwide performance statistics and in individual reports on each student. Ask your child's teacher about his or her performance on these assessments.



## Report Cards

Standards based report cards will be sent home three times during the year (trimester). This is a chance for you to follow your child's progress in each subject. The report may also comment on your child's social behavior, how she or he is getting along with others, classroom behavior, study and health habits. You are asked to sign and return it each trimester. At the end of the year, you may keep the report card.

