



Scantron Performance Series Assessment Information for Parents

Performance Series is a web-based computer adaptive standardized assessment that can be used for parent communication, identifying a child’s ability levels, demonstrating growth over time, informing instructional practice, and aiding in program evaluation. Unlike other forms of assessment, Performance Series tests are completely computer-based and adjust to each child’s ability level. As your child answers each question, the test adapts according to his or her response. Questions get easier when your child answers incorrectly and get more challenging when he or she answers correctly. This individualizes every testing experience and more accurately reflects your child’s ability. The Performance Series has many benefits to a Montessori school:

- Less testing time. This assessment is computer –adaptive. It finds each child’s assessment level- not too hard, not too easy, so time is not wasted on irrelevant test items.
- Performance Series effectively assesses those students whose abilities fall outside the typical bell curve.
- Every test is unique for each child. Students will see the same topic areas (Language Arts, Math, and Reading), but all children do not see the same test questions.
- Results are immediately available for modification and customization of instruction.
- Performance Series is aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and the Common Core Standards.

Scantron Performance Series Testing Schedule 2016-2017

	Mon., Jan. 30	Tues., Jan. 31	Wed., Feb. 1	Thu., Feb. 2	Fri., Feb.3
9:00	Walden	Middle School	Patuxet Middle School	Mattakeesett	Mattakeesett
1:00		Walden		Patuxet	Ice cream party

Please see reverse side for more information.

FAQs

How can I prepare my child for this assessment?

A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and a positive attitude are the best preparation. This is a "low-stakes" test. Because Bay Farm students do not regularly encounter this type of formal assessment, many of our students actually enjoy the testing process.

When will I know the results of this assessment?

You will be informed of your child's test results at your next scheduled parent-teacher conference.

How long is the test?

The entire test for all grade levels is two to three hours.

Where can I find out more about this assessment?

Visit www.performanceseries.com. Also, Liz Titus, Director of Education, is available to answer any questions at lizt@bfarm.org or Tel: 781-934-7101, Ext. 28.

What if my child is sick and needs to stay home?

Make-up testing periods will be scheduled for children who miss any portion of the test due to illness.

What grade levels take this test?

All students in grades 1 to 8 will take this test.

Is this an annual test?

While this assessment can be administered multiple times over the course of a school year, Bay Farm is not planning on further testing periods in the current school year.