



January 2024

Dear Parent/Family:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is pleased to inform you that your child will be taking the district's Benchmark 2 Assessments. The purpose of these assessments is to measure what your child learned during the second quarter. The data gained from the Benchmarks supports teachers with identifying instructional strategies and resources to meet the needs of each student.

The Benchmark 2 Assessments will take place beginning on January 16th and will go through January 29th. PGCPS will be using the PGCPS Pearson TestNav platform to administer the Benchmark 2 Assessments. No grades will be assigned based on these assessment results. The results of the Benchmark Assessments will be used by teachers and schools to enhance instruction on skills your child is learning in the classroom.

The assessments will cover the four major content areas of Mathematics, Reading/English/Language Arts (RELA), Science, and Social Studies. The Mathematics Benchmark assessments will be administered to students in grades K-8, and select high school courses. The RELA Benchmark assessments will be administered to students in grades 3 through 10. The Science Benchmark assessments will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, and the High School Biology course. The Social Studies Benchmark assessments will be administered to students in grade 8 and the High School LSN Government course.

Following the Benchmark 2 test administration, parents and families have the ability to access completed Benchmark individual student reports for students via the PGCPS Pearson Access Parent Portal. If a parent or family had an active email address on file with PGCPS as of November 16, 2023, they should have received an email from the following email address: noreply@mail.pearsonaccess.com. The email was sent on or after December 1, 2023 inviting you to access PGCPS Pearson Access Parent Portal to view your child's Benchmark reports. Parents and families are encouraged to check their Spam folder in their email account if the email does show up in your inbox.

Please note that only fully completed Benchmark scores are available after each test administration for the 2023-2024 school year. The PGCPS Parent Portal will only contain Benchmark scores after each test administration and access is only available during the school year.

If you have a question about the test schedule or Benchmark Assessments, please contact your child's school.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daria N. Valentine".

Dr. Daria N. Valentine, Principal