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Local Assessments

Local Assessment	Grade(s)	Description	Use	Protocol
Primary Test of Cognitive Skills	K	A group-administered cognitive screening that evaluates verbal, memory, concept, and spatial skills	✓ Helps define students' needs and determine the special needs of individual students	Administered once to students in Kindergarten
In-View Gifted	3	A group-administered cognitive screening	✓ Universal screener used to determine eligibility for Gifted services	Administered once to students in grade 3
QRI (Qualitative Reading Inventory)	K-5	An individually administered informal reading inventory (IRI) designed to provide information about: -conditions under which students can identify words and comprehend text successfully -conditions that appear to result in unsuccessful word identification or comprehension	✓ One of the assessments used to determine eligibility for Title I services ✓ Monitor student progress throughout the year	Administered in the fall and as needed for Title I students
DIBELS (Dynamic Indicator of Basic Literacy Skills)	K-5	DIBELS measures: -Foundational literacy skills -Basic numeracy skills	✓ Identify at-risk students ✓ Monitor student progress throughout the year and across multiple years ✓ Inform teachers' instructional planning	Administered 3 times per year in the fall, winter, and spring
Study Island benchmarks	3-8	Grade-level reading passages with multiple choice questions and short-answer responses	✓ Assess progress toward state standards ✓ Monitor growth throughout the year ✓ Inform teachers' instructional planning ✓ Evaluate program ✓ Identify professional	**Reading** Grade 3 (3 times) Grade 4 (3 times) Grade 5 (4 times) Grades 6-8 (3 times) **Science** Grade 4 (3 times)

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			development needs	Grade 8 (3 times)
ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces)	3-8	Grade-level Common Core-aligned adaptive test in which students complete constructed response questions to assess their mastery of mathematical concepts	✓ Assess progress toward mathematics state standards ✓ Monitor growth throughout the year ✓ Inform teachers' instructional planning ✓ Evaluate program ✓ Identify professional development needs	Grade 3 (2 times) Grade 4 (2 times) Grade 5 (2 times) Grades 6-8 (3 times)
Local summative assessments	9-12	Mid-term/final common assessments by department/course	✓ Summative assessment	Administered two times per year
Summer reading assessments	9-12	Comprehension assessment	✓ Contribute toward marking period grade	Administered one time per year
Writing prompt	K-12	Student writing sample	✓ Evaluate student progress toward grade-level writing standards ✓ Inform teacher's instructional planning	Collected annually

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State Assessments

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PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment)	3-8	PSSA is a standards-based criterion-references assessment used to measure a student's attainment of the academic standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science and Technology	✓ Within the district, results are one means of determining the effectiveness of the curricula ✓ Individual student results are used to make instructional placement decisions ✓ The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) uses results to determine if KCSD schools are making "adequate yearly progress" in moving students to proficiency	Required one time per year English Language Arts Testing Window: April 11-15, 2016 Mathematics Testing Window: April 18-22, 2016 Science Testing Window: April 25-29, 2016
PASA (Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment)	3-8, 11	Statewide alternative assessment designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities	✓ Snapshot of student performance on Pennsylvania Alternate standards	Administered one time per year Testing Window: February 15-March 25, 2016
Keystone Exams	7-11, depending on course completion	Standards-based assessments of a student's attainment of academic standard in Algebra I, English Literature, and Biology	✓ State graduation requirement for class of 2017 and beyond ✓ PDE uses results to determine if KHS is making "adequate yearly progress" in moving 11th grade students to proficiency	Required at end-of-course Testing Windows: January 6-20, 2016 May 16-27, 2016
Graduation project	9-12	Performance assessment	✓ State graduation requirement	Must be completed by graduation

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Presidential Physical Fitness Test	5-12	Fitness assessment of strength, ability, endurance, and flexibility	✓ Snapshot of student fitness capabilities	Administered one time per year
PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test)	9-11	An assessment of college and career readiness	✓ Used to assess students' college and career readiness ✓ Determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship program ✓ Practice for the SAT	Administered one time per year Testing Window: October, 2015
AP (Advanced Placement) Exam	All AP students in grades 9-12	An assessment for an Advanced Placement course	✓ Used by students to obtain college credit for coursework	Administered one time per year Testing Window: May, 2015
W-APT (WIDA ACCESS Placement Test)	K-12	A measure of a student's English Language Proficiency in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. After completion of the Home Language Survey, a student may be required to take this screening assessment.	✓ One of the assessments used to determine eligibility for ESL services ✓ May be used, under certain criteria defined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to further assess a student for exit from the ESL program	Administered as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
WIDA ACCESS (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners)	K-12	The ACCESS test measures and English Language Learner's proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Both academic and social aspects of communication are evaluated.	✓ One of the assessments used to determine a student's eligibility for exit from the ESL program	Administered one time per year as required by the state of Pennsylvania Testing Window: January 25-March 4, 2016