

AIMS Student Support Services Newsletter

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iReady Partner Provides Tips for Families on Upcoming Middle-of-Year Diagnostic Tests at Home

Starting this month, Columbus City Schools will begin the middle-of-year diagnostic tests in Reading and Math for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Similar to what they did at the start of the school year, students will take these assessments using the iReady online platform.

Teachers need to know what students already know and what they still need to learn so future instruction can be matched to meet students' needs.

The iReady Diagnostic can help get this information for each child, but only if students give it their best effort without anyone else helping with the understanding or answering questions.

This diagnostic is usually given at school, but this time, we need students to take it at home. For most students, this is the second time they've taken the test (first a Beginning-of-Year, now a Middle-of-Year). Knowing how students are progressing will help teachers know how to best support them for the rest of the school year.

How can I support my student during the iReady assessment?

Throughout the assessment - every 8–10 minutes or so - show support by using phrases

like:

- "I can tell you are very focused. Keep up the good work!"
- "Great work, you have [number] minutes left."
- "Nice job showing your work/reading each passage carefully."

If your student is starting to feel frustrated, mad, or upset...

- "Wow. That looks like a very advanced question! That likely means you have been answering a lot of questions correctly."
- "Don't get [frustrated, mad, upset, etc.]. Make your best guess so the assessment can find your 'just right' level."
- "Let's take a quick break! Do you want to finish this question now or when you get back?"
- [Click here to learn more!](#)

Community Resources

Mental Health Resources

[Families Experiencing Homelessness or are in Transition](#)

Virtual Job Shadowing for Careers in the Arts

During this remote-learning school year, our partners at CAPA launched a new, virtual education series for students in grades 6-12 to allow young people to "job shadow" these careers in the arts. [Students can check out the sessions here!](#)

To sign up for Project Mentor (a free mentoring program for students) contact Mrs. Kuhl or Nikiah Kerr at: nkerr@bbbscentralohio.org **614.522.9716**

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