



August, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will be administering the *IXL* reading diagnostic to all students in grades 6-8 and the *IXL* math diagnostic in grades 6-7. The *IXL* diagnostic is an online assessment that will help your student's teacher determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year in Reading/English Language Arts & Math. The diagnostic provides parents with information about how their child's performance compares with that of students in the same age or grade level.

The windows for administering the *IXL* Diagnostic are as follows:

Fall Administration	August 31, 2026 - September 11, 2026
Winter Administration	December 7, 2026 - January 8, 2027
Spring Administration	April 26, 2027 - May 28, 2027

All students in grades 6-8 will take the *IXL* Reading Diagnostic during the Fall Administration window. All students in grades 6-7 will take the *IXL* math diagnostic during the fall administration.

The *IXL* math winter and spring administrations are optional for all students in grades 6-7 and the *IXL* reading winter and spring administrations are optional for those students that test on- or above grade level. Students performing below grade level on the reading diagnostic will be REQUIRED to take the winter and spring diagnostic.

The *IXL* Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts questions based on your child's responses. It is expected that your child will not be able to answer every question correctly.

Students will have up to 90 minutes to complete the reading diagnostic and 60 minutes to complete the math diagnostic. Students will complete the assessment over multiple days.

The results of the *IXL* Diagnostic will be used by teachers and staff to implement and improve instructional practices. The purpose of this assessment is an instructional tool for teachers and no grade will be assigned.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's school.