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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Montana students will take the Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST) assessment in mathematics and reading/language arts in the 2026-2027 school year. This assessment is Montana's measure of student proficiency on the state content standards in grades 3-8. These standards establish goals for what all students should know and be able to do in each grade. This assessment includes math and reading/language arts testlets that have items that reflect a range of difficulty levels to demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Testlets include multiple choice, matching, ordering, short text entry, technology-enhanced, and an ELA constructed writing response test items. Score reports in individual testlets are available throughout each testing window as they are completed and generated.

	Window 1	Window 2	Window 3	
	October 19 – December 11 (8 weeks)	January 11 – March 5 (8 weeks)	March 29 – May 21 (8 weeks)	
Math	3-5 Testlets	3-5 Testlets	3-5 Testlets	1 Math OR ELA Anchor Test
ELA	2 BOY Testlets	2 MOY Testlet 1 Performance Task Testlet	2 EOY Testlets	

**The actual number of testlets your child(ren) takes each testing window will be contingent on your district's local curriculum sequence.*

This through-year assessment provides critical information about student learning, but no single assessment should ever be the sole factor in making an educational decision. It is important to remember that assessments provide only one measure of student learning, but when combined with grades, classroom activities, unit quizzes and tests, and district-level assessments, the results of statewide assessments can help provide a complete picture of your child's abilities over the course of the school year and path toward academic success on these content standards.

To find resources to aid in interpreting your child's report, please visit the *Parent Resources* section of the [MAST Portal](#) website. The [MAST Student Score Report Interpretive Guidance document](#) directly supports understanding and using student level testlet reports.

Here are some highlights for this student report:

- Students receive separate testlet scores for each math and reading/language arts testlet. These are not final determinations of student proficiency but rather a snapshot of how students are performing on a subset of skills.
- Information is provided at the standard and question level to better understand student performance.
- Math testlet reports include misconceptions students are demonstrating through response patterns, while ELA testlets include information on clustered topics of standards.
- Students will receive a separate summative score for math and reading/language arts after the conclusion of the 2026-2027 school year.

If your district chooses to utilize the Kite Parent Portal and has made the student-parent connection in the Kite Educator Portal, the following is an example language to send to parents to notify them that they can access the Parent Portal to view student score reports.

We are excited to provide your child's MAST score reports through a secure website called Kite® Parent Portal! Kite Parent Portal allows you to access your child's score reports from all assessments administered through the Kite Student Portal.

To get started, please watch this introductory video to learn about Parent Portal:

<https://vimeo.com/905694120>.

When ready, access the Parent Portal at <https://parentportal-testlet.kiteaai.org>. Enter your email address registered with your child's school district in the Email Address field. You will then be emailed an access code that is valid for 24 hours.

Additional resources can be found on the [MAST Portal](#). Here you will find the [Kite Parent Portal Manual](#) and guides to student score reports. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact your student's teacher(s) or [<insert contact information here>](#). Thank you for using Kite Parent Portal!

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