



Chester County Schools

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2022 -2023 MVPA Benchmark Assessment FAQ Guide

1. **What grade levels and subject areas are required to take the MVPAAssessment?**
 - a. 2nd grade ELA and Math
 - b. 3rd – 8th ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies (3-5 do not assess SS)
 - c. English I and II, Algebra I, II, Geometry, and Biology
2. **What are the MVPAbenchmark windows?**

CASE Benchmark I

25%-45% of State Standards Covered

Testing Window: *September 27-October 7 (9 School Days)*

Reporting Window: *October 11-15 (Fall Break)*

School Level Data Chats: *Data PD Day on October 18*

District Level Data Chats: *October 20-27*

CASE Benchmark II

50%-75% of State Standards Covered

Testing Window: *December 6-16 (9 School Days)*

Reporting Window: *December 21-25 (Beginning of Winter Break)*

School Level Data Chats: *Data PD Day on January 3*

District Level Data Chats: *January 5-12*

CASE Benchmark III

Comprehensive Final

Testing Window: *March 7-18 (10 School Days)*

Reporting Window: *March 21-25 (Spring Break)*

School Level Data Chats: *Data PD Day on March 28*

District Level Data Chats: *March 30-April 6*

3. **Can a student take the test online after the window closes?** This will require the district to reopen the benchmark window. Any student who needs this option should attempt the paper pencil version if possible. As a last resort the window will be extended to accommodate student need. These students will not be included in any printed score reports.

4. **For the Math Assessments will there be a section for calculator use and a section for non-calculator use?** Yes, the first portion of the math assessment does not allow students to utilize calculators.
5. **Is there a read aloud option on MVPAbenchmark assessments?** Yes. If you have a student that has a read aloud accommodation on their IEP or 504, please turn on the text-to-speech option for the individual student.
6. **Do special education students get other accommodations on the MVPAbenchmark assessment?** Other accommodations that are available have been added to the assessment and are available to all students for the assessment and included for all students.
7. **Are MVPAbenchmark assessments timed?** MVPAbenchmarks are not timed assessments. However, using TCAP time limits are encouraged.
8. **When will students take the writing portion of the MVPAssessment?** Students will need to take the writing portion of the MVPAssessment within the benchmark window if the school opts to assess the writing portion.
9. **What type of writing will be tested on the benchmarks?** ELA Writing Prompts will be as follows: Benchmark 1 – Narrative; Benchmark 2 – Informational; Benchmark 3 – Argumentative/Opinion Teachers are responsible for scoring the written portion of the MVPAssessment. Teachers will have one additional week after the benchmark window closes to score the written portion of the assessment.
10. **How do students who are at the alternative school during a benchmark period take the assessment?** Students at the alternative school setting will still take benchmarks as appropriate for their grade level. It is necessary for the teacher of record at the home school to assign and include those students and communicate needed information to the teacher at the Center who is currently serving the student.
11. **Do teachers convert scores for MVPAbenchmark assessments to percentages to report the student grade?** Benchmark scores should not be used on the student report card. However, MVPProvides a “Suggested Grading Mark” for the benchmark tests to inform students and families of their achievement.
12. **What standards will the MVPAbenchmark assessments cover?** The ELA benchmark is cumulative each time because of the complexity of the ELA standards and will cover all the standards. For math, science, and social studies, the benchmark will cover the standards from the pacing guide provided by the district (available on the CER website).
13. **When will the data reports from the assessment be available?** Data reports will be available within 3-5 days from the date that the benchmark window closes. These reports will be emailed directly to the teacher once they become available.
14. **When will teachers see the standards results in the four levels of mastery?** Within 48-72 hours after the benchmark window closes, the standards results should appear in the four levels – Exceeds Mastery, Mastery, Near Mastery, Below Mastery.