

K-8 Grade-level Verification Information

For English-language arts and Math, all K-8th grade Horizon Charter Schools students will have 3 learning paths to choose from: On-Demand, Blended Learning, and Supported Home Study. An additional fourth learning option--Alternative Home Study--will become available once a student has been verified/approved to be at or above grade level by completing the following process.

For a student to access all four Horizon curricula & learning paths in either ELA or math, families will discuss the grade-level verification process and criteria with their ST. Using the criteria below, STs will work with families to determine if the student is at or above grade level in the subject area. If a student meets Phase 1 criteria for the subject area, then the ST will complete the online Grade-level Verification Request form. Once SBAC scores are available, Phase 2 criteria will confirm grade level for the requested subject area. STs will check to see if the student still qualifies for Alternative Home Study once SBAC scores are available and after BOY iReady scores come in.

Verifications are valid for one school year. A new request must be submitted each year.

If a student in grades 3-8 is verified to be at or above grade level and elects to use the Alternative Home Study option, the student **must** participate in state testing AND Horizon assigned assessments annually to ensure the student maintains a proficiency level at or above grade-level in the verified subject area. If a student does not participate in testing or receive a valid test score, the student forfeits eligibility in that subject area for the subsequent school year.

Grade-level Verification Process

1. Family works with ST to determine if a student meets the eligibility criteria using charts below;
2. Family completes Grade-level Verification Request online form: (use form for NEXT YEAR'S grade level of 2025-2026 school year)
[Grades K-2](#)
[Grades 3-5](#)
[Grades 6-8](#)
3. ST notifies families that student meets criteria, and works with family to, select and order standards-based curriculum.
4. ST orders Alternative Home Study in OPS; ST add an internal note that the student qualified for AHS
5. When SBAC scores and BOY scores are available, ST confirms continued eligibility. If a student is no longer eligible, then the ST orders a new curriculum in OPS and uses the drop form to let the Program Secretary know of the change.

All Alternative Home Study Students MUST take all state, local and teacher-assigned assessments in order to continue to qualify for Alternative Home Study to ensure student progress and continue Grade-level Success.

Grade-level Verification Criteria for Newly Enrolled/Enrolling K-8 students

Criteria	Criteria Score	Eligible?
i-Ready Beginning-of-Year Diagnostic	Use STANDARD view. Overall placement is on grade-level or higher with no more than one Domain scoring one year or less below*. (*Green overall, with only one yellow in domains. No red.) If available, MOY/EOY assessment from prior year should be within one year of grade level and/or last SBAC at/above grade level as multiple measures.	Yes
TK2 BOY	Kindergarten: At or Above grade level on baseline Kindergarten assessment	

Assessment		
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Grade-level Verification Criteria for Currently Enrolled Students in Grades TK-8

Criteria Required for Currently Enrolled Students in Grades TK-2*

*students must meet both criteria (multiple measures) for approval

Current K-2 i-Ready End-of-the-Year Diagnostic	Use END-OF-YEAR View. Overall placement is on grade-level or higher with ALL Domains at grade level*. *(Green overall and green in domains. No yellow and no red.)	Yes
Learning Target 3 Assessment	Student is at or above grade level in the overall score for math and/or ELA on end of year assessment for current year	Yes

Criteria Required for Currently Enrolled Students in Grades 3-8*

*students must meet both criteria (multiple measures) for approval

Initial Criteria	End-of-Year iReady Diagnostic Scores for Grades 3-8	Eligible?
i-Ready End-of-the-Year Diagnostic	Use END-OF-YEAR View. Overall placement is on grade-level or higher with ALL Domains at grade level*. *(Green overall and green in domains. No yellow and no red.) In addition, BOY/MOY assessments (i-Ready or print) should be within one year of grade level.	YES
Phase 1 Criteria Met?	If Initial Criteria received a 'yes', then the student has met initial qualifications for Alternative Home Study Option. ST can order curriculum. Final verification will occur once SBAC scores are released.	
Verification Criteria	SBAC Score for Grades 3-8	Eligible?
CAASPP	Standard Exceeded	YES
CAASPP	Standard Met AND score is greater than/equal to half of Scale Score Range (printed on student form)	YES
CAASPP	Standard Met and score is below half of Scale Score Range (printed on student form)	Possibly
CAASPP	Standard Nearly Met	Possibly
CAASPP	Standard Not Met	NO
Criteria Met?	If both criteria received a 'yes', then the student is verified at/above grade level and is eligible for Alternative Home Study Option.	2 YES
Criteria Met?	If Initial Criteria received a 'yes' and Verification Criteria received 'possibly', then student can remain in Alternative Home Study Option with regular monitoring.	1 YES 1 Possibly