



New State Tests for Students in Grades 3-8.

The Measurements of Student Progress or MSP test is the name of the new state assessment that replaces the WASL this spring. Tests in Reading, Writing, Math, and Science will be administered during the month of May in the Kennewick School District middle schools.

The MSP is a shorter exam that is now primarily multiple-choice in math, reading, and science. It will take one session to take each exam instead of two. The writing exam, administered in grades 4 & 7, will not change at this time. Science is administered in grades 5 & 8.

Schools around the state are piloting administering the MSP test online this year in grades 6-8 in reading and math. The online testing window is larger in order to allow schools enough time to rotate students in and out of computer labs or stations. **Desert Hills, Horse Heaven Hills, and Park** will administer the reading and math tests online to all students. **Highlands** will have students take the reading online, and take math as a paper and pencil test. Science (grade 8) and Writing (grade 7) will be paper and pencil tests for all middle school students

If you are interested in viewing the online demo and tutorial about the state's online testing system, go to www.WAtesting.com/online.

We appreciate all your hard work in helping to prepare your students to be successful in school every day. We also thank you in advance for encouraging your child to do their best on the MSP this spring.