

Dear Parents,

The FBISD Board of Trustees recently adopted the FBISD Profile of a Graduate. This profile defines the qualities and attributes an FBISD graduate should possess when they graduate from our District. All of our district initiatives center around the Profile of a Graduate.

In an effort to ensure that all teachers have effective tools to meet the needs of *all* the learners in their classrooms, the FBISD Board of Trustees also approved the adoption of Renaissance 360 – a universal screening tool in reading and math for students in grades K-10. A universal screener is a brief, diagnostic assessment that is given to students in determined grade levels to determine students' current skills and to identify gaps in learning. In addition, the use of a universal screener allows campus teachers, specialists, and administrators to examine the effectiveness of classroom instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Universal screeners are given three times a year in September, January, and April to monitor student growth over time.

Who Gets Tested?

- **All K-3 students** complete the Early Literacy Renaissance 360 screener
- **All K-5 students** complete the Math and Reading Renaissance 360 screeners
- **At FCMS all 6-8 students will complete the Renaissance 360 Math and Reading universal screeners in order to gain valuable data for our teachers and students.**

Here are some key points about universal screeners:

1. Your child/children cannot study for a universal screener.
2. Universal screeners are given three times a year (September, January, and April).
3. The data from your child's reading and math screener supports his/her classroom teacher in differentiating instruction to meet your child's specific needs
4. The math and reading screeners assess your child's competency in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for his/her grade level.
5. The screeners are computer-adaptive, which means every child takes a screener that adjusts to his/her learning needs.
6. On average, Renaissance 360 universal screeners take no more than 25 minutes to complete.

The use of universal screening allows your child's teacher to determine exactly what "he/she already knows" in order to be prepared in the first weeks of school with instruction and intervention if needed. The universal screener will replace the mandatory administration of the PAPI (K-2) and the DRA2/EDL2 (K-5), however, teachers may still use these assessments to gather information about students as needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sally Willett, Campus Assessment Coordinator, at sally.willett@fortbendisd.com or 281-634-3256 for additional information.