

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may already know, FBISD uses Renaissance Star 360 Assessments (Ren360) to help teachers understand what students know and what they are ready to learn next. These assessments are administered during the fall, winter, and spring to monitor student growth and progress. The fall Ren360 assessment window is August 21 – September 8, 2023. Students will be tested at school by their teachers.

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 August/September, January, and April/May to monitor student growth over time.

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 approximately 25 minutes to complete.

In order to support your child on this assessment, please:

- Encourage them to do their best;
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning;
- Get plenty of exercise;
- Get plenty of sleep at night.

Thank you for your partnership with us through this assessment process. Results of the Ren360 assessments will be available in Skyward at approximately the beginning of October. For more information about Star Assessments, please visit the Renaissance [parent webpage](#).

Kind regards,

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