

AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT'S GUIDE

TO

TerraNova, InView, Raven,
MAP, and PASS



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What is TerraNova?

The TerraNova is a set of achievement tests that assesses student achievement in science and social studies. The TerraNova tests are norm-referenced tests. This means that students' scores are reported in comparison to a norm group, which is a sample of students chosen from around the country. The test results are reported in terms of a student's national percentile rank (NPR), a number that ranges from 1 to 99 and is used to indicate a student's standing relative to other students in the same grade who took the tests within the same window of time.

The TerraNova is administered each fall to all students in grade 5 and to any nominated students in grades 6 through 10 as an achievement test to meet part of the state requirements for screening students who qualify for Academically Advanced Programs.

What is InView?

The InView is a cognitive abilities test that measure student skills and abilities that are important for academic success. The test measures three critical cognitive factors: verbal, nonverbal, and memory.

The InView is given to all students in grade 2 and to any nominated students in grades 3 through 10 to meet part of the state requirements for screening students who qualify for the Academically Advanced Programs.

What is Raven?

The Raven's Progressive Matrices is a nonverbal ability measure that assesses abstract reasoning skills. It is administered each fall to all students in grade 2 and to any nominated students in grades 3 through 8. The test items are in the form of geometric pictures, or matrices, which have a piece of their design missing. The student is to choose, from six to eight alternatives, an appropriate piece that best completes or fits into the matrix. The task requires an understanding of the relationships among abstract items, the ability to reason by analogy, and the ability to form comparisons.

What is MAP?

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is a state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment system, which adjusts the difficulty of the assessment based on the student's performance. MAP tests have the ability to identify skills and concepts that individual students have learned, monitor academic growth over time independent of grade level, and provide teachers with information they can use to enhance teaching and learning. MAP is administered in the fall and spring to all students in grades 2 through 9 in the content areas of reading and mathematics. A Language Usage test is optional. A winter administration is also optional.

What is PASS?

The Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) is a standards-based assessment developed and administered in South Carolina each March and May. The tests measure student progress toward the state's curriculum standards in the areas of writing, English language arts (ELA), mathematics, science, and social studies. PASS is administered statewide to all students in grades 3 through 8. Based on their scores, students are placed into one of three performance levels in each subject tested: Exemplary, Met, and Not Met. For students with severe disabilities, the South Carolina Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt) is administered instead.