

## RENAISSANCE at home

# Star Assessments Guide for Families

## At-home administration

Thank you for assisting your student to complete their Star assessment(s). Your student will need access to a computer or tablet (7 inches or larger) to take the assessment. Students who are taking Star Early Literacy or are using the audio feature for Star Math will need headphones or speakers.

Before testing, be sure you have the following from your school:

- Renaissance link
- Student username and password
- Monitor password (if needed)
- Name of test(s) the student should take

### About Star Assessments

Star assessments help teachers better understand what students know and can do in the areas of early literacy, reading, or math. As a student takes the test, the software selects items based on the student's responses. If the student answers correctly, the next item will be more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the next item will be less difficult. By adjusting the difficulty of the items to what students show they can or cannot do, the assessment is an accurate way to help teachers identify what skills students are ready to learn. Teachers use this information to guide their instruction.

- Star Early Literacy tests are used for students in grades pre-K through 3 (beginning readers who do not yet read independently or need early literacy skills assessed). There are 27 items and it generally takes fewer than 15 minutes for the student to complete the test.
- Star Reading tests are used for students in grades K–12. Star reading has 34 items and it generally takes fewer than 20 minutes for the student to complete the test.
- Star Math tests are used for students in grades 1–12. Star Math has 34 items and generally takes fewer than 25 minutes for the student to complete the test.

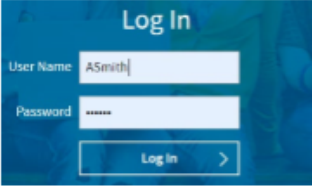


### The role of the test monitor

**The job of the test monitor is to make sure the student does their very best without help.** Star is not a test for a grade. It is used for teachers to know how best to instruct the student.

Test monitors should read the test instructions aloud to the student. The monitor may help the student log in and select the correct assessment, but no assistance should be given once the test begins. Test monitors should not read questions or answer choices to the student or prompt the student in any other way. If your student is having difficulty with an item, encourage them to choose the answer they think is best and click next to move on to the next question.

No materials other than headphones and paper and pencil are allowed unless accommodations are discussed with your student's teacher.

## Login Steps

If your school uses a Renaissance link...	If your school uses a single sign-on solution like ClassLink or Clever...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Open an internet browser and enter the Renaissance link received from your school.</li> <li>2. Click <b>I'm a Student</b>.</li> <li>3. Enter the student's username and password. (If multiple students are using the same computer, verify it is the correct username and password.) Then click <b>Log In</b>.</li> </ol> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Log in to your single sign-on portal.</li> <li>2. Select the Renaissance tile.</li> </ol> 
<p>Select the appropriate tile for the test your student needs to take. (Students may not see all of the test options.)</p> 	
<p>Verify the student's name is correct at the top of the screen and that the correct test name is shown.</p> <p>Do NOT click Start (or enter a monitor password) until test instructions have been read to the student and the student is completely ready to begin the test.</p> 