

A Parent's Guide to Path Driver Universal Screening

What is universal screening?

This year your child will take three short computer-based assessments for both reading and math. These assessments, given to all middle school students, are known as universal screenings. The purpose of universal screenings is to identify students who may need additional support with math and/or literacy skills.

What measures will my student be given?

Reading	
Maze (All Students) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 minutes, 3 Timed Three-Minute Passages• Students read silently and select correct replacement word	Oral Reading Fluency (As Indicated) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 minutes, 3 Timed One-Minute Passages• Students read orally into recordable headset. Teacher reviews and scores recording to determine correct words per minute.
Math	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 minutes, 3 Timed Sections• Students answer a variety of math problems: Comparisons (3 Minutes), Computation (4 Minutes), Estimation (1 Minute)	

How will the data be used?

Teachers will use the screening data, along with additional data (e.g. class grades, EOG scores, and observations) to make instructional decisions. For all students, teachers will use this screening data to guide instructional decisions and support growth. For students who may need additional support, teachers will “dig deeper” to uncover exactly where gaps exist and will collaborate with colleagues to develop a plan to meet student needs.

How can I help my student?

These universal screenings will help teachers as they plan instruction for your child.

You can help your child at home by providing opportunities to engage in real-life reading, writing, and math experiences. Spend some time each day reading with your child and talking about what has been read. Provide a variety of books and writing materials for your child. The public library offers a variety of materials from which your child may choose books of interest. Increase your child's math understanding by involving your child when you cook, especially when you need to increase or decrease how much a recipe makes. Including your child in shopping and financial conversations will help increase their understanding of unit price, tax, tip, discount and markup.

Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

If you have questions about the screening process, you may contact your child's teacher, or you may email questions to wakemiddle@wcpss.net.