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## **Sussex Montessori Standardized Assessment Information**

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Dear Families,

As a public charter school in the State of Delaware, Sussex Montessori students participate in required standardized state assessments throughout the academic year. These assessments serve as valuable tools to help our educators support your child's growth and learning, alongside progress reports, portfolios, and classroom work, to monitor their progress through our curriculum.

Beginning in 3rd grade, students take the Smarter Balanced Assessment in English language arts and mathematics toward the end of the academic year. These online, adaptive tests are designed so that the students can demonstrate what they know and can do, including those who are learning English or have special needs. Family reports are mailed home over the summer.

Additionally, our Upper Elementary students (4th, 5th, and 6th grades) complete the DeSSA Social Studies assessment during the school year. This assessment is aligned with Delaware's Social Studies Standards and the Delaware State Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies.

In 5th grade, students also participate in the DeSSA Science assessment, which measures their progress toward achieving the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

For our multi-language learner (MLL) students, the ACCESS test assesses academic English language proficiency. This ensures our students' English learning needs are addressed both at Sussex Montessori and statewide.

All state assessments are computer-based and administered in person at school. Parents can find resources and additional information about these assessments at [www.delexcels.org](http://www.delexcels.org).

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), signed into law on December 10, 2015, Section 1112(e)(2) ensures parents and families of students in Title I schools have the right to know about state or district policies regarding student participation in ESSA-mandated assessments. This includes any policies, procedures, or parental rights to opt students out of such assessments.

If you would like to receive additional information about these policies, please contact your child's principal.