



DC CAPE

DC COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENTS OF
PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

INTRODUCING DC CAPE!

Every spring, students in the District take statewide assessments in English language arts (ELA), math and science. Beginning in 2024, the name is different. The new assessment system will be called the DC Comprehensive Assessments of Progress in Education (DC CAPE). All students are the heroes of their own story. DC CAPE will capture snapshots on their remarkable academic journeys toward college and careers.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) has built the capacity to build its own assessments that meet the high standards for quality that DC expects and deserves. DC CAPE is by DC, for DC. The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) consortium, of which DC was a foundational member, has ceased to exist.

The test-taking experience for students will be nearly identical, and results will be comparable to those from previous years.

STAYING THE SAME

- Tested subjects of ELA, math and science
- Alignment with the state content standards (Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards)
- Multiple reviews of all test items by DC educators and OSSE staff
- Number and types of questions students will see
- Testing platform for students (most students will use a computer)
- Comparability to prior years of statewide assessments
- Individual score reports for students will be sent home to caregivers in the fall
- Students do not need to study, they just need a good night's rest, plenty of encouragement and a healthy breakfast!

DIFFERENT

- The name of the assessment system: DC CAPE assessments will include DC ELA, DC Math and DC Science
- The development of the assessment by DC rather than a multi-state consortium
- The educator-facing assessment management platform

Caregivers will receive communication from their child's school about which assessments they will be taking. If you have any questions, please contact your school's assessment coordinator.