



What is the RICAS?

The Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS) is a high-quality assessment that fulfills federal requirements for annual assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 3-8.



Why is it important?

The RICAS gives teachers, students, and families information about student progress, school performance and how to improve teaching and learning.



What about the PARCC exam?

As Rhode Island finalizes its State Plan for ESSA, the federal accountability law, the decision was made to update the state testing program. RICAS replaces PARCC for students in grades 3-8. High school students will take the PSAT/SAT.

When will my child take the RICAS?

The RICAS ELA window is from April 2, 2018 through May 4, 2018. The RICAS mathematics assessment window is from April 3, 2018, through May 25, 2018. Each district and school will determine its own testing schedule within these windows.

How long are RICAS assessments?

Total testing time varies by grade. Students complete sessions over several days or weeks.

ELA

Grades 3-4: 3 sessions / 165 mins total

Grade 5: 3 sessions / 140 mins total

Grades 6-8: 2 sessions / 210 mins total

Mathematics

Grade 3: 2 sessions / 130 mins total

Grades 4-8: 2 sessions / 140 mins total

What types of questions will my child be asked?

Students will answer different types of questions to measure understanding in ELA and mathematics, including multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, "technology enhanced" questions like drag-and-drop, and written responses/essays.

RIDE will continue to update our website with RICAS information and practice materials at RIDE.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/Assessment