



# 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.

## When will my child take the RICAS?

The RICAS English Language Arts assessment window is from **March 29, 2021** through **May 14, 2021**. The RICAS mathematics assessment window is from **April 12, 2021** through **May 28, 2021**. Each district and school will determine its own testing schedule within these windows.

## How will I know how my child performed after taking the RICAS assessment?

Each student who takes the Spring 2021 RICAS assessment in English Language Arts and mathematics will have a Student Score Report sent to their school. Districts and schools will share these reports with families. Further information about the Student Score Report can be found at [www.ride.ri.gov/Families](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Families).

## How long are RICAS assessments?

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

### ELA

**Grades 3-8:** 2 sessions  
Suggested testing time per session:  
**1:** 120-150 minutes  
**2:** 90-120 minutes

### Mathematics

**Grades 3-8:** 2 sessions  
Suggested testing time per session:  
90 minutes

## 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. To see examples of these types of questions, check out the RICAS Practice Tests at the link below.

If you are interested in learning more about the kinds of questions your student will answer on the Spring 2021 assessment, be sure to check out the RICAS Practice Test and Released Items at [RICAS.PearsonSupport.com](http://RICAS.PearsonSupport.com).