



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 **April 1, 2019** through **May 3, 2019**. The RICAS mathematics assessment window is from **April 2, 2019** through **May 24, 2019**. Each district and school will determine its own testing schedule within these windows.

How do I know how my child performed on the 2018 RICAS assessment?

Each student who took the Spring 2018 RICAS assessment in English language arts and mathematics had a Student Score Report sent to their school. Schools and Districts share these reports with families. Further information about the Student Score Report can be found at www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Results.

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:
120-150 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 questions your students answered on the Spring 2018 assessment, be sure to check out the RICAS Released Items at **RICAS.PearsonSupport.com**.