



Valley View Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to further enhance instruction at Valley View, we are continuing to implement *i-Ready*, which is a tool for assessing our students' strengths and areas for growth in math and reading. It allows us to meet students where they are and personalize instruction as we move forward. An initial step in the process is diagnostic assessments, which will be given three times per year. Our Fall diagnostic will begin next week.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your child's needs. Each item a student receives is based on his/her answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier ones. The purpose of this is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to best support his/her learning.

The math diagnostic will be given during math and science classes. The reading diagnostic will be given during language arts classes. Any students who need more time can complete the assessment during subsequent classes or during 5th period FLEX time.

After completing the diagnostic, each student will have a personalized learning path created within the iReady learning platform. Teachers will give students the opportunity to work independently at home and/or in class with the iReady program. Additionally, the student reports provide teachers with recommended resources and lessons that meet students where they are.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* will provide results that help to identify your child's strengths and determine the next steps for instruction. We look forward to sharing these results with you and providing a learning experience that will engage your child while teaching important skills and concepts. Results will also be utilized to help inform placement decisions in our various programs such as Basic Skills, Pursuit of Excellence, SOAR, and math courses.

If you have any questions about *i-Ready*, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can also learn more about *i-Ready* by visiting i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karin Kidd'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Karin Kidd