

What can you do to help your student?

In general:

- ❖ Participate in your student's learning activities
- ❖ Read aloud to your student
- ❖ Encourage good study habits
- ❖ Provide a quiet, well-lighted place for your student to study
- ❖ Communicate often with your student's teachers
- ❖ Talk to your child often about school
- ❖ Require regular school attendance
- ❖ Emphasize the importance of academic achievement
- ❖ Provide activities at home that relate to school learning
- ❖ Provide your student with a balanced, nutritious diet
- ❖ Support and encourage your student
- ❖ Listen to your student
- ❖ Model being a life-long learner

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April 6-8, 2010

**Tentative dates.*

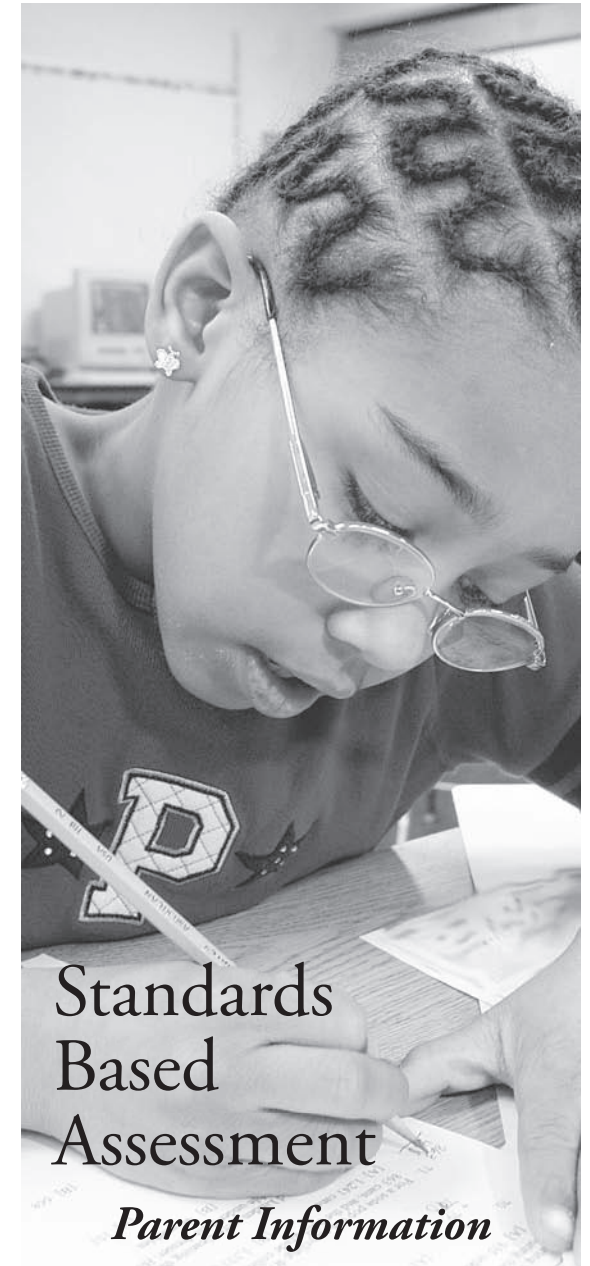
Web sites for additional information

ASD Assessment & Evaluation
www.asdk12.org/depts/assess_eval/

Alaska Department of Education and Early
Development Assessment, Accountability and
Student Information
www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/assessment/



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**Standards
Based
Assessment**

Parent Information



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What is it?

The Standards Based Assessments (SBA) in grades 3 through 10 are designed to estimate the degree to which students have mastered the Academic Performance Standards for reading, writing, and mathematics outlined in the Grade Level Expectations.

During the 2006-2007 school year, the SBA for Science will be field-tested at selected sites. This section of the SBA will become operational in the 2007-2008 school year. The Science SBA will be administered in grades 4, 8 and 10 only.

These assessments are written specifically for Alaska and are the foundation of the Alaska school accountability system.

How are the results used?

Results are valuable for districts, schools, and students. Results are used to measure a school's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in accordance with No Child Left Behind. Additionally, these assessments, because they are consistent across grade levels, provide the ability to gauge students' academic progress.

This test, combined with other information from classroom and local assessments, provide the district with valuable student performance data and degrees of mastery.

Special information for 10th grade

Tenth grade students take a combined HSGQE/SBA assessment. They receive two sets of scores—one for the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (a proficient score is required for students to graduate from an Alaskan school) and one for Standards Based Assessment (this score is used for AYP and is based on Grade Level Expectations).

When is it?

The SBA testing window is set by the state. SBAs are administered in the spring only. Specific test dates are shown below. Make-ups are allowed for grades 3-9. There is a window of days schools may use for make-ups for grades 3-9. Make-ups are not allowed for grade 10.

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Practice Tests

Item samplers/practice tests are available on the Anchorage School District and the state of Alaska Web sites.

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