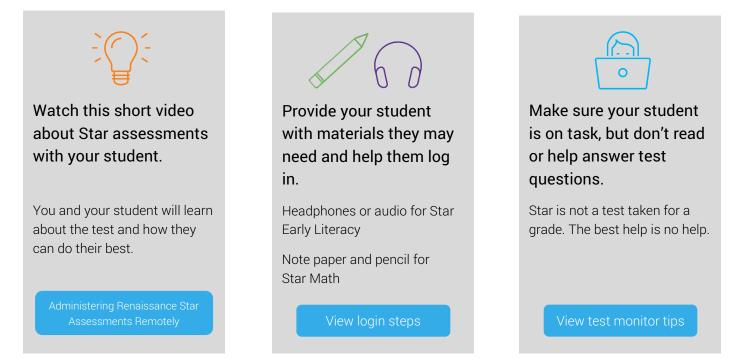# RENAISSANCE at home

Administering Star Assessments Remotely
Family Guide

Thank you for assisting your student to complete their Star assessment(s). Your student will need access to a computer or tablet (7 inches or larger) to take the assessment. Students who are taking Star Early Literacy or are using the audio feature for Star Math will need headphones or speakers.

Before testing, be sure you have the following information from your school:
- Renaissance link
- Student username and password
- Monitor password (if needed)
- Name of test(s) your student should take

Three easy steps to monitoring the test

Watch this short video about Star assessments with your student.

You and your student will learn about the test and how they can do their best.

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Provide your student with materials they may need and help them log in.

Headphones or audio for Star Early Literacy

Note paper and pencil for Star Math

[View login steps]

Make sure your student is on task, but don't read or help answer test questions.

Star is not a test taken for a grade. The best help is no help.

[View test monitor tips]

When teachers and test monitors consistently follow the same procedures before, during, and after testing, they help ensure test results which are true representations of what the student knows. The information in the following pages of this guide will help you prepare for and monitor your student's testing event effectively.

About Star Assessments

Star assessments help teachers better understand what students know and can do in the areas of early literacy, reading, or math. As a student takes the test, the software selects items based on the student's responses. If the student answers correctly, the next item will be more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the next item will be less difficult. By adjusting the difficulty of the items to what students show they can or cannot do, the assessment is an accurate way to help teachers identify what skills students are ready to learn. Teachers use this information to guide their instruction.

- Star Early Literacy tests are used for students in grades pre-K through 3 (beginning readers who do not yet read independently or need early literacy skills assessed). There are 27 items and it generally takes fewer than 15 minutes for the student to complete the test.

- Star Reading tests are used for students in grades K—12. Star reading has 34 items and it generally takes fewer than 20 minutes for the student to complete the test.

- Star Math tests are used for students in grades 1—12. Star Math has 34 items and generally takes fewer than 25 minutes for the student to complete the test.

Prior to testing

- Ensure a quiet testing area that is free from distractions.

- Remove or cover any materials around the testing area that might help answer test items.

- Provide scratch paper and pencil for your student to use during testing.

- Check that your computer audio is set appropriately and that you have working headphones available if needed. (Star Early Literacy is an audio-based test. Audio for Star Math can be turned on by the teacher if accommodations are needed.)

- Discuss with your student the importance of doing their best in order for their teachers to know how to best help them in class.

Day of testing

When prompted by your teacher, log in to Classlink and select Renaissance.

Verify the student's name is correct at the top of the screen and that the correct test name is shown.

Do NOT click Start (or enter a monitor password) until test instructions have been read to the student and the student is completely ready to begin the test.

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