

RICAS ASSESSMENTS

The Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS) is a high quality assessment of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics given to Rhode Island students in grades 3-8.



Why is RICAS important?

The RICAS assessment gives teachers, students, and families information about student progress, school performance, and how to improve teaching and learning.

Who takes RICAS?

All grade 3 through 8 students who are enrolled in a RI public school.



When will my child take the RICAS?

The **RICAS ELA** assessment window is March 23- April 17, 2026. The **RICAS mathematics** assessment window is April 27-May 22, 2026.

How do I know how my child performed on the 2025 RICAS assessment?



Each student who takes the RICAS assessment in English language arts and mathematics has a student score report sent to their school to be shared with families. For further information, visit [RIDE's Understanding Scores page](#).

How long are RICAS assessments?

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

ELA

2 sessions

Suggested testing time per session:
120-150 minutes

Mathematics

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.

If you are interested in learning more about the types of questions on RICAS, check out the practice tests at ricas.onlinehelp.cognia.org.

For more information:
and <https://ride.ri.gov/instruction-assessment/assessment/ricas-assessments>



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