4 Things Families Should Know about ATLAS

Students in grades 3-10 in Arkansas take the state test called ATLAS-the Arkansas Teaching, Learning & Assessment System. It is aligned to the Arkansas grade level standards. Students ingrades K-3 also take Screener tests. ATLAS provides additional information that can help you better partner with teachers and support learning at home.



1. One measure does not define a student's academic achievement and progress —ATLAS scores are only one piece of the puzzle.

Some measures focus on students' growth and progress while others, like ATLAS, show whether your child has met grade level standards. Review your child's ATLAS scores alongside classroom tests and quizzes, report card grades, and input from the teacher to get a more complete picture of how your child is performing academically.

2. It's easier than ever to access detailed information about your child's ATLAS performance.

The ATLAS Family Portal includes results of your child's performance on all ATLAS tests. It includes their overall score and how well they are learning important skills and content in each subject, so it's easier to understand where they are doing well and where they may need more support. You can access resources to support learning at home and guide discussions with your child's teacher – and you can download or print your child's Individualized Score Report to discuss at your next parent-teacher conference.



How to Access your Child's Scores

1. **Visit the ATLAS Family Portal at** atlasportal.org/families.html
2. **Enter your child's first name, date of birth, and the unique access code you received from the school.**

   If you don't know your access code, contact your school.

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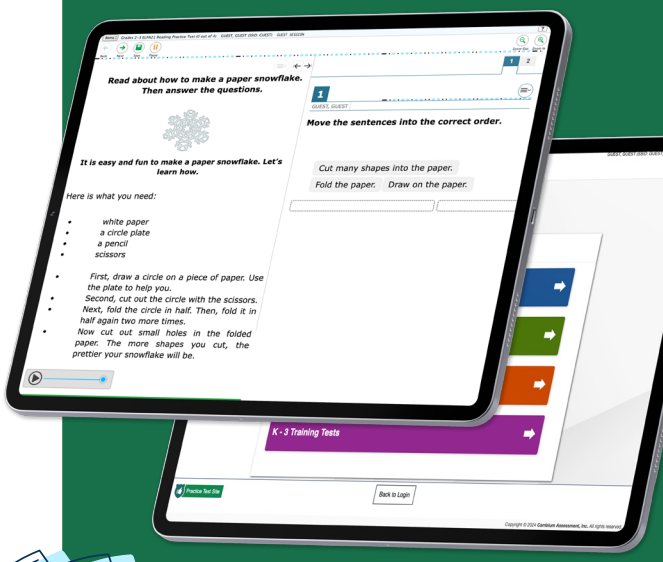
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3. ATLAS scores are a useful tool to support learning and guide conversations with your teacher.

Teachers use ATLAS scores to identify the skills or standards in each subject in which students may need more support or are ready for more challenging work. They also use the results to monitor progress throughout the year. This helps teachers tailor their instruction to individual students. When students are in need of more intense support, teachers may create individualized plans to get students back on track. At the next parent-teacher conference, discuss your child's ATLAS scores along with other measures and ask what this information means for the months ahead and how you can support their learning. For a detailed Parent-Teacher Planning Tool to guide your discussion, visit atlasportal.org/families.html.

4. ATLAS goes beyond traditional end-of-year multiple choice tests.

ATLAS tests ask students to use skills like solving word problems, writing essays, and applying math to everyday tasks. The difficulty of the test questions adjust in real time based on your child's responses. This means that each student's test is unique, which is a more accurate and personalized measure of what they know and can do. ATLAS is also more than just an end-of-year test. In grades K-3, there are Reading and Math Screeners, which are short tests given at the beginning, middle, and end of year to identify a student's starting point and monitor their progress throughout the year. The Reading Screener is given in grades K-3 and the Math Screener is given in grades K-2. Teachers in grades 3-10 can also give short, optional tests at key points throughout the year to serve as checkpoints for understanding.



Did You Know?

Parents can see sample test questions and items in each subject and grade level.

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