



# Clayton Public School District

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## Link It! Benchmark Testing May-June 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

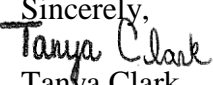
We are pleased to announce that our district will be embarking on a new student progress monitoring initiative. We will be using the *Link It!* online benchmark assessments to monitor student growth and achievement at three(3) points during the school year. Students in First through Eleventh grades will test in Mathematics and English Language Arts. The assessments will allow us to determine student achievement toward grade level standards. The data provided from these assessments will inform our instructional practices and determine supports needed for student achievement.

As we conclude the pilot of this program, the company is affording us an opportunity to begin this initiative at the end of this year. We will test each student in First through Eleventh Grades in Mathematics and English Language Arts. The window for testing will begin Monday, May 28 and conclude on Tuesday, June 11. This is not a test that students will need to prepare to take. Also, student performance on the test will not be graded. Some teachers may offer students incentives or participation points at their discretion. We are encouraging students to do their best on the tests to ensure that the tests reflects their knowledge and skills.

As stated above, the tests are administered online. The average student appears to take 40 minutes to one(1) hour to complete each test. Unlike state assessments, results from the test are available for review after students complete the test. Please be advised that parent reports will be made available beginning after the Fall administration of the test next year.

Our teachers and our administrators have worked diligently over the years to select the best tools that will provide us with data about student performance. As a result of our research and pilot, we have determined that this platform will meet our needs. Please feel free to review the documents on our district website for more information. Sample items, sample parent reports, and information about the test are included on these documents. Our district website: [claytonps.org](http://claytonps.org)

Please feel free to contact your building principal or yours truly if you require any additional information. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
  
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