



## Asheville City Schools

85 Mountain Street  
Asheville, North Carolina 28802

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August 24, 2020

Dear ACS parents/guardians of fourth grade students,

As part of the Read to Achieve Program, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction requires that all 4th grade students take a beginning of the year reading diagnostic assessment. The goal of this assessment is to collect information about the reading and literacy skills for current fourth graders, who missed last spring's End-of-Year assessment due to COVID 19, in order to provide more effective instructional support. Your student will be administered this assessment at the beginning of September.

Asheville City Schools will use the STAR assessment system from Renaissance. This reading diagnostic assessment is internet-based and will be conducted remotely. Your student's teacher will provide more detailed instructions about how to log into the system and the assessment schedule. Teachers will facilitate the administration of the assessment.

For more information about the STAR Reading assessment from Renaissance visit [renaissance.com/products/star-assessments](https://renaissance.com/products/star-assessments).

Please contact the assistant principal at your student's school if you have any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian R. Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ian Nelson  
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Asheville City Schools