

# Galileo® Benchmark Testing



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child is scheduled to take their Galileo® benchmark assessments on:

Math: \_\_\_\_ (Date) at \_\_\_\_ (Time)

ELA: \_\_\_\_ (Date) at \_\_\_\_ (Time)

## What is the Benchmark test?

An assessment provided to students that will help us learn what students may already know and what they may not yet know. This information will help us adjust our instruction to meet your child's needs. The first test of the year will also help us know your child's "baseline" or starting point on their path of grade-level learning. As our school year unfolds, we will be able to look back on this starting point and see the growth and learning your child has had.

## How will my child know login to start the test?

Have your child login to the Clever portal. Once they login, click on the Galileo K-12 Icon. It will look like the image on the right.



## How will my child know how to take the test?

Before the test occurs your child will be shown by their teacher where to login to take the test, they will watch a video that explains how to take the tests, and will have the opportunity to practice taking the test.

## How long will students need to take the test?

The tests consist of 30-45 items and takes about 1 hour to complete. Please note, kindergarten and first grade students may take the test in multiple, shorter sessions.

## What do I need to do to prepare my child to take the test?

- 1 Verify and confirm with your child's district that the computer and/or device being used for testing meets the system requirements for using Galileo.
- 2 Provide a quiet space, free of distractions for your child to take the test.
- 3 If your child is in kindergarten and first grade or has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) that requires the text-to-speech accommodation, make sure your child can hear the computerized test or has access to headphones or earbuds the day of the test. You may support your child in accessing the test but do not explain test items or help students answer the test questions. Remember this will help us know what to review and what to plan to instruct with your students.