

Richmond Middle School: Quantitative Assessments by Grade and Subject
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Subjects Taught by Grade

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Grade 6</i>	<i>Grade 7</i>	<i>Grade 8</i>
English	X	X	X
Math	X	X	X
Science	X	X	X
Social Studies	X	X	X
French	X	X	X
Spanish		X	X
Computer Literacy	X	X	X
Developmental Guidance	X	X	X
Art	X		
Music	X		
Physical Education	X		
Language Arts		X	
Cultures			X

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Assessment</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Why</i>	<i>Analysis</i>	<i>Useful</i>
6	Art					
6	Computer					
6	English	NECAP	October (results next Feb.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> state requirement 	Reviewed by grade level teams and staff meeting by department who compared grade summary results item by item to RMS curriculum.	Yes (to some extent)
6	English	K-12 Common Assessments: shared writing prompts	twice a year	keep curriculum in alignment	teacher discussion	Yes - very
6	French	Grand Concours		Used to recognize exceptional performance by individual students	None	Yes as external validator, but not useful as measure
6	Guidance					
6	Math	NECAP	October (results next Feb.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> state requirement used as one of 5 inputs to help determine placement in 7th grade math 	see Grade 6 English	
6	Math	Iowa Test (aptitude test)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> used as one of 5 inputs to help determine placement in 7th grade math 	Analyze individual student test scores	Yes - very useful - good predictor
6	Music					
6	Phys Ed					

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6	Science	K-12 Common Assessments: electricity (currently)	several times a year (with discussion between Hanover and Norwich)	Alter teaching to be more uniform and make sure aligned with science curriculum	6 th grade science teachers examine test scores by question to assess for comparable preparation and exposure	Yes - very useful
6	Social Studies					
7	Computer	K-12 Common Assessments: same assessments, assignments and testing	throughout the year	align and assess curriculum across the same grade level and across the K-12		Yes - very useful
7	English					
7	French					
7	Guidance					
7	Science					
7	Social Studies					
7	Spanish					
7	Language Arts					
7	Math					
7	Language Arts	NECAP			see grade 6 English	
7	Math					
7	French	Grand Concours			see grade 6 French	

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8	English	K-12 Common Assessments i.e.: 1. controversy paper 2. I-Search paper	throughout the year	The 8 th grade team reviews the grading sheets. The Controversy Research Committee and head librarian review teaching practices and alter assessment and process to be more uniform.	Evaluate basic research skills and ability to structure an analytical essay. Essays are graded and reviewed by both a faculty advisor and an 8 th grade English teacher according to a rubric.	Yes - very
8	Computer					
8	Cultures					
8	English					
8	Social Studies					
8	French					
8	Spanish					
8	Guidance					
8	English	NECAP			see grade 6 English	
8	Math	NECAP			see grade 6 English	
8	French	Grand Concours			see grade 6 French	
8	English	Hanover High School placement				
8	Math	Hanover High School Placement		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> used for placement in 9th grade math 	Tests are written and scored by HHS staff	Yes
8	Science	Hanover High School Placement		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> used for placement in 9th grade science 	Tests are written and scored by HHS staff	Yes

Glossary

Grand Concours. A national French contest

Iowa Test. A multiple-choice test in math to determine aptitude.

I-Search Paper. Part of the K-12 Common Assessments at the Grade 8 level. This is an "investigative" research paper that the student is expected to write. It can be on any subject, and may be an interview.

K-12 Common Assessments. In response to the K-12 curriculum initiative, these common assessments are the label for the locally-developed tests and assignments for all grades and subjects. The intent is to ensure that the same assignments and tests are given to all students in the same grade, regardless of teacher, so that teaching and curriculum are consistent.

NECAP. New England Common Assessment Program. A set of standardized tests given in October for Grades 3 to 8 in Reading and Math, Grades 5 and 8 in Writing. These are part of the No Child Left Behind Act, and are a federal requirement. These same tests are used in NH, VT and RI. They include multiple choice type questions, as well as written response sections. Results are given back to the schools in February, and detailed results going down to the individual student are provided for about 25% of the questions. A more detailed explanation is available at www.sau70.org/quality/assessments/RayNECAPboard.pdf