



**GIRLS  
GLOBAL  
ACADEMY**

## Overview of Assessments

Girls Global uses a combination of assessments to ensure students are on track to reach mastery with both content and social and emotional skills. We ensure that all of our academic assessments are rigorous and aligned to both national and international standards. **Our assessment system identifies where students may need additional help so that Girls Global staff can develop responsive plans of intervention and support.** Modifications and accommodations are designed to ensure that all students, including students with disabilities and English Learners, can access the assessments. Below is an overview of the different types of assessments students and families can expect.

### Interim Assessment

#### What is an interim assessment?

- An Interim assessment is an assessment that Girls Global will use to evaluate where a student is with their learning progress and to predict how a student might perform on future assessments.

#### What does the interim assessment measure?

- Girls Global interim assessments measure each students' reading, writing, mathematics, and science progress to gauge a student's college and career readiness.

#### How do I receive information about my student's performance on the interim assessments?

- Girls Global staff will provide students and their families with access to interim assessment data through a printed hard copy.

### Formative Assessment

#### What is a formative assessment?

- A formative assessment is an assessment that Girls Global staff will use to determine student progress on a unit, lesson, skill, or concept.

#### What does the formative assessment measure?

- The formative assessment measures a student's comprehension of what has been taught and is a tool teachers use to identify next steps in teaching. An example of a formative assessment would be an *exit ticket*.

**How do I receive information about my student's performance on the formative assessments?**

- Formative Assessments will be logged in our student information system through PowerSchool. Students and their families have access to PowerSchool to see how a student is performing in classes prior to a summative assessment, and prior to the end of a trimester.

## Summative Assessment

**What is a summative assessment?**

- A summative assessment is an assessment used to evaluate a student's learning over time and occurs at the end of a learning period.

**What does the summative assessment measure?**

- A summative assessment measures whether or not a student has learned what was expected over a period of time and is a longer assessment and contributes to a significant portion of a student's grade. An example of a summative assessment is a *project*.

**How do I receive information about my student's performance on the summative assessments?**

- Summative assessments will be logged in our student information system through PowerSchool. Students and their families have access to PowerSchool to see how a student performed at the end of a learning period.

## State Assessment

**What is a state assessment?**

- A state assessment is an assessment that measures a student's knowledge, skills, and competencies against the determined state standards.
  - *\*State assessments are a form of summative assessment.*

**What does the state assessment measure?**

- The District of Columbia has chosen the assessments listed above to measure achievement in specific subject areas to determine a student's college and career readiness as expressed by the Common Core Standards.

**How do I receive information about my student's performance on the state assessments?**

- State assessment results are mailed to the residence of the student from the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE).

## CTE Assessment

### **What is a CTE assessment?**

- CTE stands for career and technical education assessment. Students are assessed for industry credentials.

### **What do the CTE's measure?**

- Career and technical assessments measure a student's preparedness and understanding of a career field.

### **How do I receive information about my student's performance on the CTE assessments?**

- Girls Global will either send a hard copy through the U.S. Postal Service or via in-person pick up once scores are released.

## Social-Emotional Assessments

### **What is a SEL assessment?**

- A social emotional assessment is a tool to identify the critical mindsets students bring to school that determine future successes.

### **What do the SEL assessments measure?**

- SEL assessments measure a student's social, emotional, and behavioral development to identify both areas of strength and areas needing improvement.

### **How do I receive information about my student's performance on the SEL assessments?**

- SEL assessment results will be available to families via in-person pick up.