



The Parent Guide to Division Assessments

Benchmark 1 2020-2021

Portsmouth Public Schools will administer English and Mathematics Benchmark 1 Division Assessments, **November 5th – 10th**.

The following grades will be assessed:

- **English** - November 5th and 6th: Elementary grades 3-6 and Middle grades 7-8
- **Mathematics** - November 9th and 10th: Elementary grades 3-6 and Middle grades/courses 7, 7H, 8, Algebra 1 and Geometry

The Benchmark Assessments will be administered via two Assessment Platforms:

- **English** will use the **PowerSchool Assessments Platform**.
(Assessment must be completed during the scheduled English class period.)
- **Mathematics** will use the **Performance Matters Platform**.
(Assessment must be completed during the scheduled Math class period.)

Select the platform names below to view two short videos before testing begins. The videos will help ensure you understand how your student will access each assessment platform. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Research and Evaluation at: rena.powell@portsk12.com.

[The Performance Matters Platform](#)

[The PowerSchool Assessments Platform \(PowerTest\)](#)

NOTE: Benchmark Assessments are diagnostic tools designed to identify gaps in learning and **WILL NOT** be GRADED.
Please **DO NOT** assist your student.