



Frequently Asked Questions about Stride Academy for Parents:

What is Stride Academy?

Stride Academy is an adaptive learning program that personalizes learning for every student, based on their needs. Stride Academy uses skill diagnosis to identify each student's strengths and weaknesses in Math, Reading and Science. Then, the program assigns work to help remediate their skill gaps and gradually introduce them to more challenging content. The goal is to bring each student up to grade-level proficiency on skills and standards they will be tested on at the end of the year.

Why has the District selected this program?

This program was selected because of its ability to diagnose student weaknesses from the first days of school and prioritize skill building to get all students on pace. Stride Academy provides teachers with valuable data to continuously monitor students' progress and help guide their instructional decision-making in the classroom. Stride Academy is also a great way to provide at-home learning activities for students and parents to do together.

How is the data from Stride Academy used?

Stride Academy continuously gathers data about student performance in order to diagnose skill gaps; to provide differentiated intervention in the form of online skills practice, video lessons and printable lessons; to monitor progress; to guide classroom instruction; and to help predict student proficiency on end-of-year assessment.

How is Stride Academy administered?

Stride Academy is an online program administered in our classroom technology stations and computer labs at school. The program is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any high-speed internet connection, so your child can access it anytime from home, the library or anywhere else they get online. Each student has their own login code to access their personal Stride Academy account. Ask your child's teacher if you do not know their login code.

Where does my child login to Stride Academy?

To login, go to www.stridelogin.com and select "Student Login."

On what devices does Stride Academy run?

Personal Computers:

- Macintosh OSX Leopard or better
- Windows XP 32 & 64bit
- Windows Vista 32 & 64bit
- Windows 7 32 & 64bit

- Windows 8 32 & 64bit
- Google Chromebook
- Ubuntu Linux

iPad

- iPad1 /iOS6+
- iPad2 /iOS6+
- iPad3 /iOS6+
- iPad Mini /iOS6+

Android and Windows Tablets

- Google Nexus 10"
- Google Nexus 7"
- Lenovo Ideatab S60000
- Lenovo Yoga Tablet 8 & 10
- Lenovo Miix 2 8"
- Kindle Fire HDX 7 & 8.9
- Insignia Flex 10.1
- LG Pad 8.3
- 2013 and later Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 - 8.0, 10.1
- 2014 Samsung Galaxy Note 10
- Samsung Galaxy Note Pro (all sizes)
- Samsung Galaxy Tab Pro (all sizes)
- Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 (all sizes)
- Dell Venue Pro 8
- Microsoft Surface 2, Surface 2 Pro

How often are students assessed with this tool?

Stride Academy delivers two different types of assessments.

Progress Monitoring Assessments are formative assessments that include four parallel test forms for each grade level, testing students on state-required standards and skills. PMAs are administered during four testing windows occurring periodically throughout the year (Window 1: 9/1-9/30; Window 2: 10/20-11/22; Window 3: 1/10-2/8; and Window 4: 2/15-3/24) in order to continuously monitor student growth on these required standards. PMAs are excellent practice for end-of-year assessment. They are available for grades K-8 in math and reading, and grades 3-8 in Science.

Gap Assessments are diagnostic assessments that can be administered three times a year to identify skill gaps. Teachers have the flexibility to administer a *Gap Assessment* when the timing is right for their class and students. Typically, the *Early Gap Assessment* is administered at the beginning of the school year, with the *Mid Gap Assessment* following mid-year, and the *Late Gap Assessment* administered before

end-of-year testing or at the end of the school year or summer program. *Gap Assessments* are offered in math and reading for Kindergarten through Grade 8.

How long do these assessments take?

This depends on the student, as some students work faster or slower than others. Stride Academy assessments each contain approximately 30 questions per subject in each grade level. Stride Academy assessments are not timed, but allow students to work at their own pace. They also allow students to log out and log back in to finish the assessment at another time, if necessary.

How is the program personalized?

Within the first session, the program recognizes a student's skill weaknesses and immediately fine-tunes intervention to help get them on pace. Students will receive practice questions, video lessons and printable lessons for exactly the skills they need the most help on.

Does Stride Academy prepare for high-stakes testing and technology-based assessment?

Yes. Stride Academy's curriculum is aligned to (your state) standards for Math and Reading, so students are practicing the very skills they will be tested on. The program features multiple choice and technology-enhanced item types to familiarize them with the item formats used on end-of-year assessment. Additionally, reading passages are written to readability and word count specifications consistent with state accountability tests and the new technology-based assessments.

What accommodations are available for students with special needs?

Students with special needs have access to the same instruction as regular education students in the least restrictive environment, and can work at their own pace from the privacy of a computer or tablet. Automatic voiceover reads aloud lessons (for PreK-Grade 5 content), enabling lower-level readers to work independently. Customized lessons can be printed for more individualized offline practice in school or at home.

Why do students love to work in Stride Academy?

Stride Academy combines learning with exciting video games and peer competitions. Students are rewarded for correct work in the program with brief playing time in the video game of their choice, and they can select from a wide variety of game genres. Meanwhile, they can compete against their classmates and peers for the high score in these games, earning game badges and academic badges along the way.

What materials can parents access?

Parents can receive a Student Progress Report weekly to see how their child is performing in Stride Academy. Request this report from your child's teacher.

How can I learn more about Stride Academy?

Additional information is available at www.strideacademy.com