

NeSA

When will my student be tested and how often?

-Fort Calhoun Elementary students are test once a year. This typically happens late Winter or early Spring.

What can parents do to help?

Parents can play a very important role in supporting their child's preparation for the NeSA tests. Powerful measures a parent can take to support their child includes:

- Encouraging your child to actively participate in classroom activities throughout the school year.
- Establishing frequent opportunities to visit with the classroom teacher for progress on your child's mastery of state academic standards.
- Encouraging your child to do their very best work on all tests.
- Examining all test reports shared by the school.
- Determining your child's areas of strength and weakness and visit with the school about their response to your child's performance.

Why should we worry about the NeSA tests?

This is often a question parents ask the schools. Your child's performance on NeSA is just one piece of information each school utilizes to make decisions about your child's educational experience. These tests can help by providing information on your child's knowledge related to state standards, and these tests arm teachers with information to make instructional decisions. How schools intervene with your child, how the school responds to the needs of your child, and how the school helps to prepare your child for college or career is impacted by your child's performance on the NeSA tests. We need our parents to support and encourage their child to do well on NeSA tests.