

PALS Testing for 2015-2016
Use the GREEN (Form A) Materials for 2015-2016
(Save the BLUE (Form B) Materials for future use)
(Use only new green materials, discard all old GREEN materials)
Registration Code: VAD73586BT
Registration Code: VPK49864HB (PreK)

In an attempt to eliminate the confusion surrounding screening of students using the PALS instrument, the following guidelines will be used for 2015-2016. **The PALS Online Wizard will be used for all testing except prekindergarten.**

Fall 2015

Prekindergarten	All students
Kindergarten:	All students
First Grade:	All students
Second Grade:	All students who did not meet the "High Benchmark" in the spring of first grade and students who are new to Virginia public schools
Third Grade:	All students who did not meet the "High Benchmark" in the spring of second grade including those new to Virginia public schools

Mid Year:

All students in grades K - 3 who are receiving an additional 30 minutes of reading instruction (any student who did not meet the fall, 2015 benchmark) or for whom a concern has arisen. Also, all students who scored five points below or above the benchmark in the fall should be assessed.

Spring 2016

Pre-Kindergarten:	All students
Kindergarten:	All students
First Grade:	All students
Second Grade:	All students who did not meet the "High Benchmark" in the spring of first grade or the fall of second grade
Third Grade:	Students who received an additional 30 minutes of reading instruction (any student who did not meet the fall 2015 benchmark) or for whom there is a concern

All schools must use PALS passages for the oral reading in context task and reading (WPM) is required for all passages on the primer level and above.

Please do not send the child's summary sheet home in the report card. Most parents will not understand the scores on the summary sheet and will only become confused by them.

You may use the Summary Report for conferences with parents in person, phone, or email so that the scores may be explained in detail to the parents and questions may be answered. Parents of students who score 5 points above or below the PALS benchmark may need to be informed that their child may be eligible to receive additional reading services.

2015-2016 calendar: The PALS online Wizard will be used for all testing K-3. **Choose a two week testing schedule within the following windows:**

PALS 1-3 FALL using Online Wizard

Screening Begins	August 24
Screening Ends	September 18
Data Due	Must be entered within two week window

PALS PreK-K FALL using Online Wizard (except Pre-K)

Screening Begins	September 21
Screening Ends	October 16
Data Due	K-Must be entered within two week window PreK-November 3

PALS K and 1-3 Mid Year using Online Wizard

Screening Begins	January 6
Screening Ends	January 29
Data Due	Must be entered within two week window

PALS PreK-K and 1-3 Spring using Online Wizard

Screening Begins	May 2
Screening Ends	May 27
Data Due	Must be entered within two week window PreK-June 1