

Blueprint Summary Table

MCPS Benchmark Assessments

Grade 5: Reading

2016-17

MCPS Benchmark tests are designed to align with the MCPS SOL Benchmark Guide. However, it is important to remember that standards and text forms from previous years are subsumed. They, therefore, may be assessed on a Grade 5 Benchmark.

Teachers should be aware that the Grade 5 Assessment includes grade 2, 3, and 4 benchmarked standards and genre. It may also include previously tested 5th grade standards. All Reading Benchmark documents are available on the Language Arts website.

In general, test items assess word analysis strategies, use of word reference resources, and comprehension of fiction, nonfiction, functional text, and poetry, including print and digital informational materials.

The number of passages and items increase across testing periods in order to build student stamina and establish realistic expectations for the SOL testing experience.

Vocabulary used in passages and questions may be drawn from grade-level content areas.

MCPS Benchmark Test	Number of Passages	Possible Options for Passages**	Possible Options for 2002 SOL*	Number of Items
Benchmark 1 2016-2017 Testing Window: November 1 – 18	4	Fiction (Realistic and Fantasy/Traditional Tales such as Legend, Myth, Fable, Fairy Tale, Tall Tale, Trickster Tale) Informational Text (Print and Digital)	5.4 a, c, e, d 5.5 a, b, c, e, g, h, j, k 5.6 a, c, d, g 5.8 d	30
Benchmark 2 2016-2017 Testing Window: March 1 - 17	5	Biography/Autobiography Poetry Functional Text (schedules, menus, signs, directions, recipes, how-to, web pages, etc.) Fiction (Historical or Realistic) Informational Text (Print and Digital) Paired Text***	5.4 a, b, c, d, e 5.5 b, c, e, f, i, j 5.6 a, c, d, e, g, k 5.6 f and h (taught second semester) ** 5.8 j	40
Spring SOL Test	5-6	All options listed above and	All 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade SOL items listed on the DOE Blueprint	50

* For content of specific standards, refer to Benchmark Guide. (2015-16 Benchmark Tests will be based on 2010 Standards.)

** If a class has not studied a specific genre or standard prior to assessment, consider the Benchmark as a pretest and use results to guide instruction.

*** The SOL Test may pair texts across genre and ask students questions related to both selections.