


# Assigning an Assessment

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### Elementary & Middle School Students in Texas Algebra Ready

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### Universal Screener

The ESTAR/MSTAR Universal Screener is a formative assessment system administered to students to support instructional decisions.

- The content of the ESTAR/MSTAR Universal Screener is based on algebra-readiness knowledge and skills as identified in the Texas Response to the Curriculum Focal Points.
- Results can help teachers identify students who might not be ready for algebra and are in need of additional instructional support.
- Teachers will be able to monitor students' risk status by administering comparable forms of the ESTAR/MSTAR Universal Screener in fall, winter, and early spring.

### Diagnostic Assessments

The MSTAR Diagnostic Assessment is given after the Universal Screener to those **students in Tiers 2 and 3**. It is not intended to provide screening information. Reference the MSTAR Diagnostic Decision Tree in the Resource file prior to assigning an assessment.

The purpose of the MSTAR Diagnostic Assessment is to:

- Inform educators where a student is on a learning progression
- Identify the underlying misconception(s) that caused the student to answer incorrectly

# Length of Assessment

Students have an unlimited amount of time to complete

25-55 questions per assessment

Stopping rule