SUSD's 20-21 i-Ready Diagnostic FAQs
K-8 Parents

Overview
1. **What is i-Ready?**

i-Ready is an online English Language Arts and Math program.   Students complete a diagnostic assessment that places them on a learning pathway based on the skills they are ready to learn. Students work at their own pace with teacher support when they have questions.   i-Ready also provides on-line educational learning games students can play to increase their academic content mastery as well as have fun.

2. **What key information does i-Ready provide?**

i-Ready provides ELA and Math data to identify student's skill levels and track their growth. More specifically i-Ready has a Family Diagnostic Results report which tells you your child's:
   ● Grade equivalent levels in ELA and math;
   ● Growth goals; and
   ● Percent of typical and stretch growth goals met.

You can also get additional information from your child's teacher about his/her:
   ● Level of standards mastery;
   ● What skills your child can do and what s/he should be working on next; and
   ● Resources that will help your child improve.

3. **Can my child use i-Ready at home beyond class time?**

Yes! If your child is excited about their learning path and/or playing i-Ready's educational games the program is available to students beyond class time. Students should spend 45 minutes a week in both ELA and math as part of their regular classroom/distance learning instruction.

Diagnostic
4. **What is the purpose of the i-Ready diagnostic?**

Unlike many assessments, the goal of the i-Ready diagnostic test is not to get 100% of the questions correct. **Rather the goal is to identify students' skill levels so that they can help teachers focus their instruction and be correctly placed in their personalized on-line pathway**. It is an adaptive test meaning that the questions vary based on each student's answer to the previous question. Generally students only get about 50% of the questions correct and they may see content they have not yet been taught.

5. **When should the Winter diagnostic be administered?**

The beginning Winter diagnostic needs to be administered between November 30th and December 11th.

6. **How long does it take to administer the diagnostic?**

The i-Ready diagnostic is an untimed test. It should take approximately 50 minutes in grades K-1 and 90 minutes in grade 2 - 8. i-Ready recommends you split up the test into at least two sections per subject so students are likely to do their best.

Grade	ELA	Math	Total Number of Minutes	Recommended Number of Sessions Per Subject
K-1	40 to 60 min	40 to 60 min	80 to 120 min	K: 3 20 minute sessions 1st: 2 20 to 30 minute sessions
2-8	80 to 100 min	80 to 100 min	160 to 200 min	2 40 to 50 minute sessions

7. **How can I help prepare my child to take the i-Ready diagnostics?**

You can help your child prepare for the i-Ready diagnostic by emphasizing that it is important for them to do their best work on the test. Because the diagnostic places students on their learning pathway, it is important they are focused on the skills they are ready to learn now. If they just guess most of the answers on the diagnostic, it is likely the questions on their pathway will be too easy for them and it's likely they could quickly get bored.

In addition, please make sure your child:
● Gets a good night of sleep before the test;
● Eats breakfast prior to taking the diagnostic;
● Has a relatively quiet place to take the test;
● Has a computer (please follow up with your child's teacher if you need a computer or wifi hotspot); and
● Has sufficient bandwidth to take the test (please avoid streaming movies or videos while your child is testing).

8. **How can I help my child take the i-Ready diagnostic?**

In order to have a personalized learning pathway that is just right for your child, s/he needs to show their best work on the diagnostic. If your child does not do their best, the questions in their pathway may be too easy. If the child is given answers to questions, it is likely the questions on their pathway will be too challenging. i-Ready is an important tool to help your child accelerate their learning. In order for i-Ready to do its job, the diagnostic needs to reflect your child's knowledge.

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If your child is in K-1 or does not have much experience using a computer, s/he will need your help setting up and providing support while they take the test. i-Ready has created the following resources to help you administer the diagnostic to your child:

- Family guidance video for administering the diagnostic at home (**English** | **Spanish**)

- Checklist for administering the i-Ready diagnostic at home (**English** | **Spanish**)

- Technical and Troubleshooting Guide for families (**English** | **Spanish** | **Tutorials**)

Resources

9. **What resources are available to help families help their children with i-Ready?**

    i-Ready has created an online Family Center (in English and Spanish) to provide more information about what i-Ready is and how you can support your student. Simply click here: https://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/**.**

10. **Who should I contact if I have technical issues logging in into i-Ready or with my child's computer from school?**

    For Login and Rostering Issues please notify your child's teacher and send an email to SUSD's Curriculum and Instruction's Information Technology team at PDCsupport@stocktonusd.net.

11. **Who should I contact if I have questions about the i-Ready or the diagnostic assessment?**

    You should follow up with your child' teacher or school principal if you have questions about the i-Ready program or diagnostic assessment.