LinkIt! benchmark assessments are standards-aligned formative assessments, given three times during the school year to students in Grade 2-8 for Math and English Language Arts. The assessments are focused on student progress toward mastery of end-of-year grade-level content standards in ELA and Mathematics. These assessments in no way negatively impact a student's grades. It is simply another method for helping administrators and teachers make data-informed decisions about our curriculum and instruction. LinkIt benchmark assessments are used in a variety of ways by the teacher and the district, but predominantly they are used to plan high-quality instruction, identify instructional and curricular gaps, and make reasonable predictions of student success on the state assessment. Students take these assessments directly inside LinkIt! online platform and results are available within 24-48 hours to the classroom teacher.

Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions about your child's performance on the LinkIt benchmark assessment. If you have issues accessing LinkIt Parent Portal, please email Ms. Julia Marchesani, School Secretary, at jmarchesani@lfschools.org.

LINKIT PARENT PORTAL FAQ

1) What is the direct link to log into the LinkIt Parent Portal?

The link can be found here: **https://lf.linkit.com/parent**

2) How can I get my account?

All parents/guardians received an email with their initial account information. Search your email account for an email from: **Registration@linkit.com.** The email contains a unique registration code that you use to create your account and your password. The code does not expire. Go to: and click on “Have a registration code?” to create your account.

3) I did not receive a registration code or an email.

Accounts will be created and sent to parents/guardians who have an email address in RealTime. You will receive (or have received) an email from LinkIt! with your registration code. Your username will be the email address we have on file in RealTime. If you have issues accessing LinkIt Parent Portal, did not receive an email, registration code, or not all of your children are in your LinkIt Parent Portal please email Ms. Julia Marchesani, School Secretary, at jmarchesani@lfschools.org.

4) I cannot see all of my children in LinkIt. Why is that?

If you log on and do not see a child in the account, then that child is not linked to your correct email address in our school information system, RealTime. Only parents of children in Grades 3-8 will have access to LinkIt Parent Portal information. Please email Ms. Julia Marchesani, School Secretary, at jmarchesani@lfschools.org.

5) What standards do LinkIt! Benchmark assessments measure?

Each of the three assessments measures major content standards for the given grade level. This means that on Forms A and B, students will be assessed on standards they **haven't been taught or deeply exposed to yet.** This is completely reasonable and expected. The goal of the assessments is to monitor student progress on end-of-year grade level standards as instruction is taking place during the year.

6) Should I be concerned if my child's score on Form A or B is low?

No, you should not be alarmed. One important thing to remember is that LinkIt! uses three forms (Form A-September, Form B-January, Form C-April). Form A assesses the students on skills that they will learn throughout the year, therefore your child's mastery scores may seem low especially since there are skills that they have **not yet been taught** at the time of the assessment. Form A serves as a baseline from which student progress is measured with Forms B and C. As explicit instruction occurs throughout the year, it is anticipated that students' scores will steadily increase. The fall (Form A) and winter (Form B) benchmarks measure students' abilities based on grade-level standards that they have **not been taught or deeply exposed to yet.** By the spring (Form C) benchmark, you will see a more realistic

perspective on where a student is as it relates to grade-level standards. If a student is not progressing, teachers will be able to pinpoint areas of challenge and support that student's needs accordingly. Our hope is that parents/guardians and teachers can have conversations about the students' skill levels and how to assist students in raising their mastery levels. If you have questions about your child's assessment data, the best place to start is with the classroom teacher who is by far the most knowledgeable person about your child's academic abilities.

More LinkIt Parent Portal resources below:

- LinkIt! Parent Portal Access and Guidance (9 min tutorial)
- Logging into the Parent Portal Screenshots and Guidance from LinkIt! (.pdf)
- LinkIt Benchmarks and LinkIt Parent Portal BOE Presentation (Sept. 2024)