Dear Parent,

This year, [school/district name] will be using Engrade, by McGraw Hill Education, to launch assessments for students and measure results. Engrade is replacing Acuity, also by McGraw Hill Education.

Acuity included both assessment content and an underlying technology platform. The technology platform that empowered Acuity content has reached its retirement date, and McGraw-Hill Education no longer offers this technology platform.

However, your child will still have the same excellent quality assessment content from Acuity. It just lives in Engrade now. Engrade is the simply the platform on which the Acuity content will be offered but in a new and better environment.

The student experience in Engrade is very similar to Acuity, but the overall appearance is improved. The interface is brighter and uses the window space more efficiently for an easy to use testing experience. Engrade enhances the student testing experience with an enhanced palette of tools students can use that they did not have in Acuity, such as

* a digital note pad,
* a digital protractor,
* better technology-enhanced item response options, and
* a written response window with a robust set of editing tools.

Students will also find that the tools common to the Acuity and Engrade student testing modules are quite familiar; in fact, the testing tools (e.g., calculator, highlighter, magnifier, etc.) in Acuity were designed based on how the Engrade tools work.

We're confident that students will feel comfortable with the new interface because it works in much the same way but with better tools. If you're interested, Engrade has a [support site](https://support.engrade.com/hc/en-us) that includes helpful tutorial sand articles for both parents and students.

Thank you,