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that I think would pertain to each school district. And I believe you are right, there are like 580-some of those in the state currently.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bohlke, would you yield?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: My first question is, I'm a student entering the school and starting at kindergarten or so on. When am I going to get tested as I go through my school career and what will I be tested on? How many times will I do this writing test and how many places are you going to take a read on my progress on what areas?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Raikes, on the writing test we simply say in the bill once at the elementary level, once at the middle school, and once at the high school; and we let the department determine which grade may be the best. But it would be...they would determine like it may be all third graders; it may be all sixth graders; it may be all eleventh graders.

SENATOR RAIKES: All right. So in any given year all of the students in one particular grade across the state would take this test.

SENATOR BOHLKE: The first year all the students in three grade levels will take this writing assessment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Then what other tests will I take and how often will that happen?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, that depends on your grade level. Typically if I remember the standardized tests that we talk about that are listed there, if it's the Iowa Basic or any of those, generally come along at about third grade. Those tests are then given I believe again sometime in the middle school years.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, now those are the norm reference tests.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Those are the norm reference.