

Demystifying the Tests

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Overview

Students at DKFI take several tests during their time in the immersion program -- both state-mandated and French immersion-specific assessments. Many parents have a difficult time making sense of these tests. To that end, the DKFI PTA has prepared this document keeping in mind some of the most frequently asked questions that we receive from parents. We have culled this testing information from various official sources.



About the Tests

Quick Guide to Acronyms

KRA	Kindergarten Readiness Assessment
SLO	Student Learning Objectives
MAP	Measures of Academic Progress
OLSAT	Otis–Lennon School Ability Test
FAST	Formative Assessment System for Teachers
PSAT 8/9	Preliminary SAT for 8th & 9th graders

Acronyms Continued

DRA	Developmental Reading Assessment
MISA	Maryland Integrated Science Assessment
DEL F	Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française
STAMP	STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency
PARCC	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers

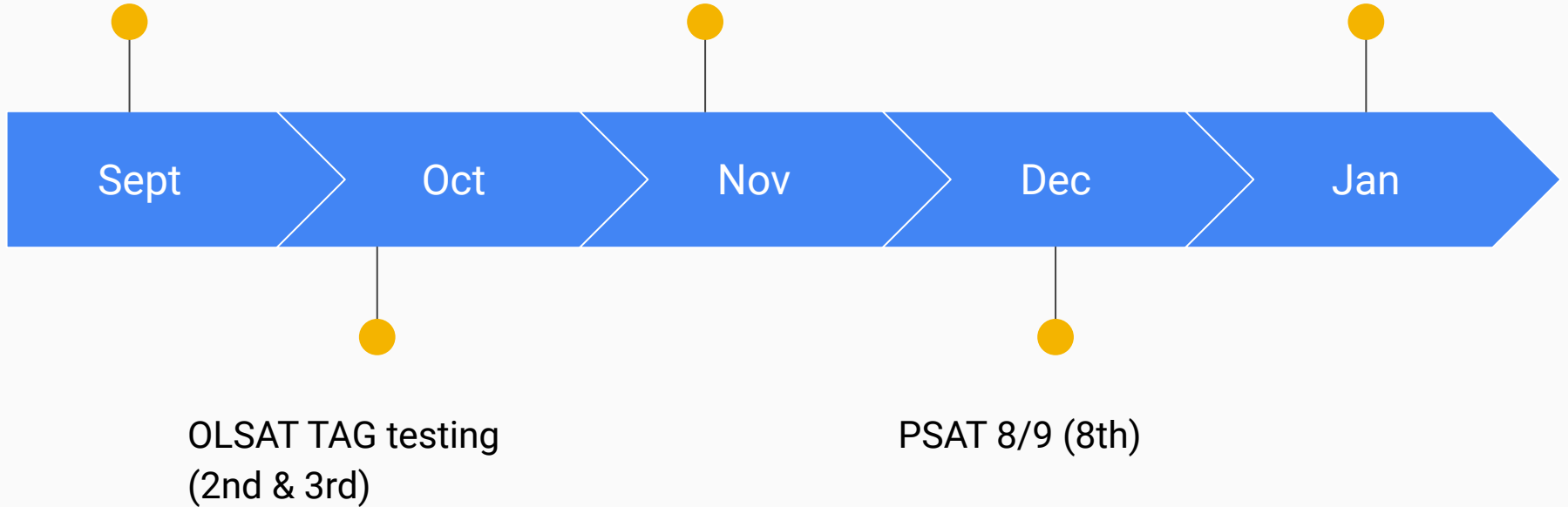
Assessments Timeline

- KRA
- SLO
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- KRA (K)
- SLO Pretest (K-8th)
- MAP (2nd-8th)

- OLSAT TAG ID (1st)
- FAST (5th & 8th)

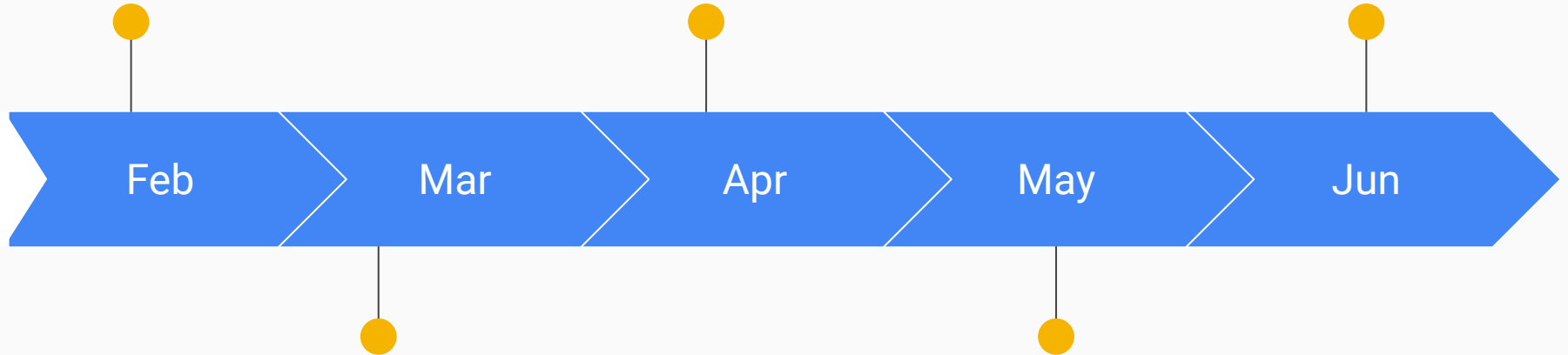
- MAP-R (2nd-8th)
- SLO Posttest (K-8th)
- DRA (K-2nd)



- FAST #2 (5th & 8th)
- SLO Posttest Cont'd (K-8th)

- PARCC (3rd-8th)
- FAST (5th & 8th)

- Placement Tests (K-8th)
- End of Year Assessments (K-8th)



- MISA Science (5th & 8th)
- DELF (2nd & 4th)

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Test Descriptions

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The KRA measures the knowledge, skills, and behaviors that children should be able to demonstrate at the start of kindergarten. All items can be administered by the teacher using a test administration manual, but 17 of the items are also available through an App which allows students to select responses using a tablet or computer device.

Subjects:

Math, English language arts, Social Foundations, Physical Well-Being and Motor Development (Kindergarten ONLY)

SLO (Student Learning Objectives)

The **SLO** is defined in the state of Maryland as “A specific, rigorous, long-term goal for groups of students that educators create to guide their instruction and administrative efforts.” Teachers develop SLOs at the beginning of the interval of instruction (unit, quarter or semester) and identify the targeted amount of growth their students will make during this interval, with guidance from the content supervisor and building administrator if needed.

Subjects: Any subject (K-8th grades)

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)

In 2017, PGCPS adopted use of the MAP online test for reading. The MAP Growth Test covers four main areas: reading, language use, math, and, for some grades, general sciences. The test uses a variety of question types, such as multiple choice, fill in the blank, and drag and drop answers. Each section contains approximately 52 questions. However, this is subject to variation due to the test's adaptive nature.

Subjects: Reading (PGCPS), Language, Math, and Sciences (2nd-8th grades)

OLSAT (Otis–Lennon School Ability Test)

The Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) is a multiple-choice K-12 assessment that measures reasoning skills with several different types of verbal, non-verbal, figural and quantitative reasoning questions. Schools commonly administer the OLSAT for admissions into gifted and talented programs. [PGCPS TAG information is found here.](#)

Subjects: Verbal comprehension, Verbal reasoning, Pictorial reasoning, Figural reasoning, and Quantitative reasoning (1st & 3rd all; 2nd, 4th & 5th if new to PGCPS)

FAST

(Formative Assessment System for Teachers)

FAST is a suite of assessment progress monitoring tools designed to help educators screen, monitor progress, and analyze reading skills of students from kindergarten to fifth grade. Each question in the predictive assessment tests is individually tailored to the test taker. Due to the individualized nature of these adaptive tests, they are more efficient and effective than traditional testing methods.

Subjects: Math, Science (5th & 8th grades)

PSAT 8/9

(Preliminary SAT for 8th & 9th graders)

The PSAT 8/9 is the first in the College Board's set of SAT assessments; it is offered to 8th and 9th graders. The purpose of the PSAT 8/9 is to establish a starting point in terms of college and career readiness as students transition to high school. It comprises math and verbal sections. Unlike the PSAT, which is out of 1600, the PSAT 8/9 is out of 1440.

Subjects: Math, Verbal; used as an entrance exam for PGCPHS Programs:
Science & Tech ♦ Aerospace Engineering and Aviation Technology ♦ 3D
Scholars ♦ Academy of Health Sciences @ Prince George's Community
College (Health Sciences & Teacher Preparation)

DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment)

The **DRA** is a standardized reading test used to determine a student's instructional level in reading. The DRA is administered individually to students by teachers and/or reading specialists. It identifies a student's reading level, accuracy, fluency, and comprehension. Students read a selection (or selections) and then retell what they have read to the examiner. [For more details, visit the Scholastic website.](#)

Subjects:

Reading (K-2nd grades)



Maryland Integrated Science Assessment MISA Testing

The [MISA](#) is administered to all students in 5th, 8th, and high school every spring. In the 2016-17 school year, the test debuted for grades 5 and 8, replacing the former Maryland School Assessment (MSA) in science. The high school MISA began in the 2017-2018 school year. The 5th & 8th grade test has four “units.” Students must read information and answer questions: essay question, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, matching, and other technology-enabled item types. [Read more here.](#)

Subjects: Science (5th, 8th & high school)

DELFF

(Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française)

The **DELFF** is a test given by the France Ministry of Education around the world to people who study French but are not native French speakers. The test includes speaking, listening, reading and writing sections. People who pass the test receive the DELFF diploma. At DKFI, 2nd graders take the A1 level; 4th graders take the A2 level. Typically, all (or nearly all) DKFI students pass the DELFF exams and receive DELFF diplomas the following year. [Read more here.](#)

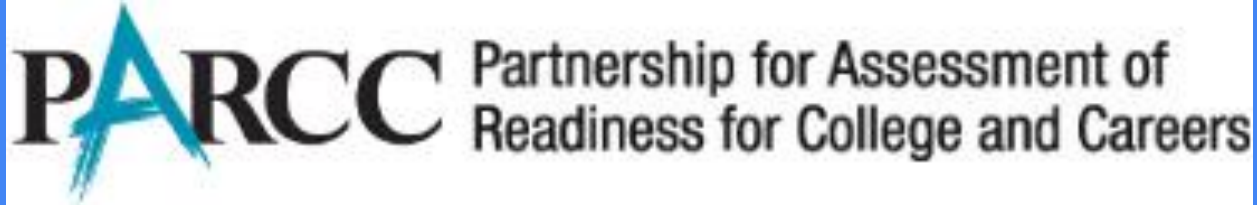
Subjects: French proficiency (2nd & 4th graders)

STAMP

(STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency)

The **STAMP** is a web-based test that assesses foreign language proficiency. It is given to 2 age groups: grades 2-6 AND grades 7-adult. DKFI 8th grade students take this test each spring. Over 30 states have approved STAMP to qualify for their state Seals of Biliteracy; Maryland has chosen STAMP to qualify students for the Seal of Biliteracy. [Read more here.](#)

Subjects: French proficiency (8th grades)



PARCC testing aligns with Common Core State Standards. The State of Maryland administers PARCC in English language arts/literacy and mathematics for grades 3-8 and high school. Teachers, parents, and others may [take a practice test](#). You can view [sample score reports here](#). View previous presentations from DKFI staff [here](#).

Subjects: Math & English (3rd-8th grades)

Preparing for the Tests

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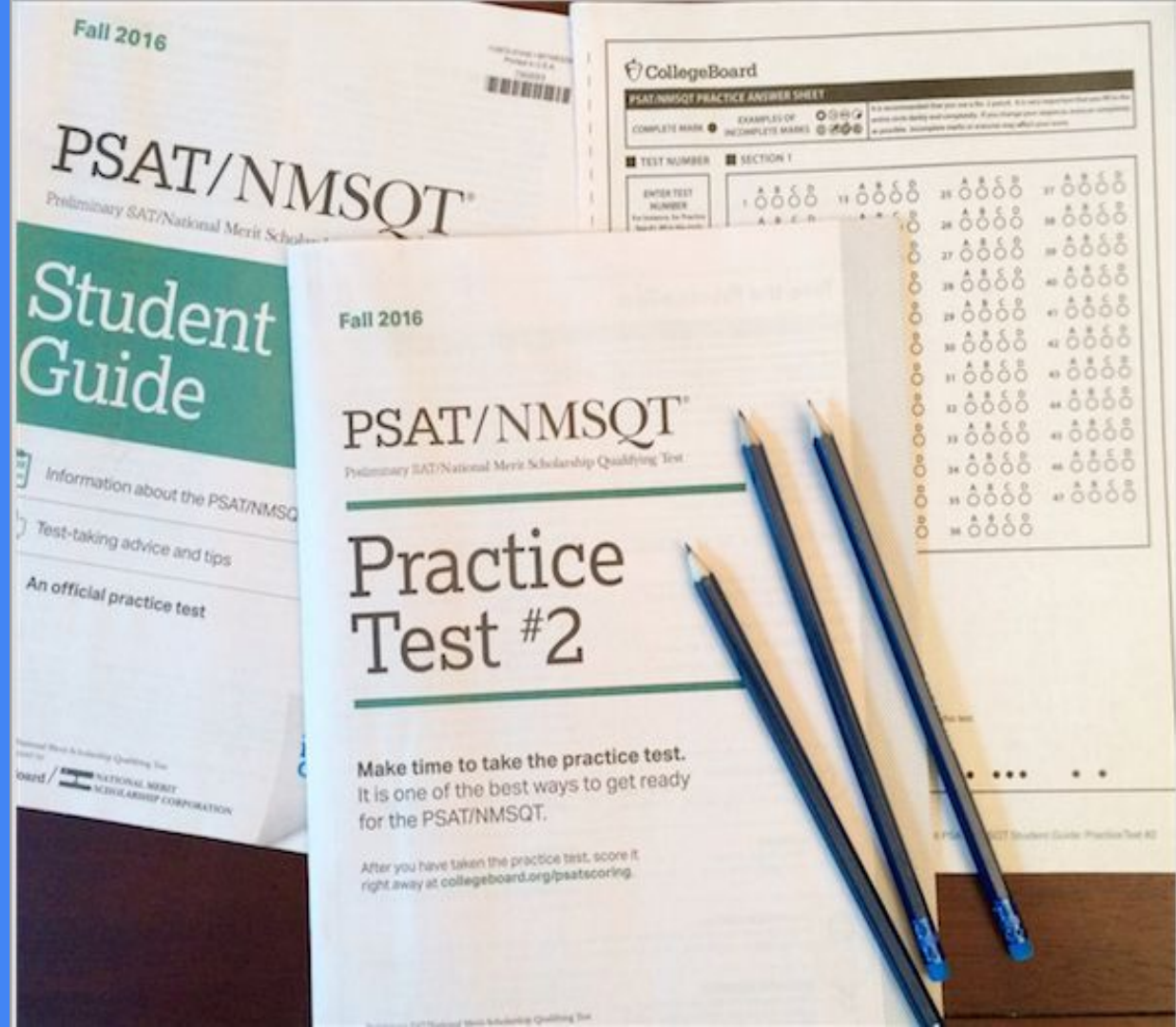
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PSAT 8/9

[College Board Practice Tests](#)

[Khan Academy](#)

[Kaplan PSAT Study Guide](#)



DELF

[DELF Prim Overview](#)

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[DELF A1 Sample Test](#)

[DELF A2 Presentation](#)

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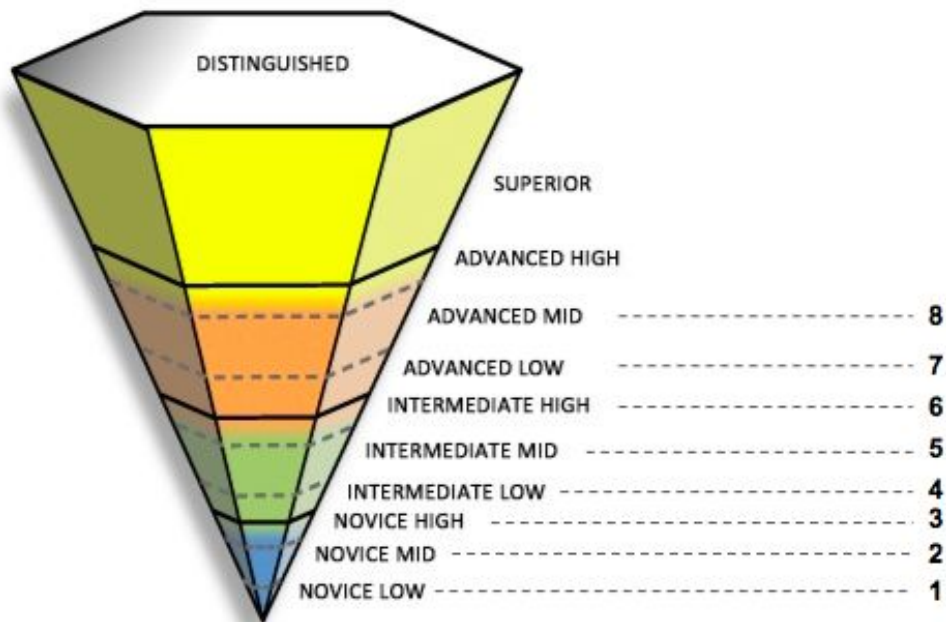
STAMP

[STAMP Test Taker Guide](#)

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[STAMP Sample Tests](#)

[STAMP Benchmark & Rubric Guide](#)



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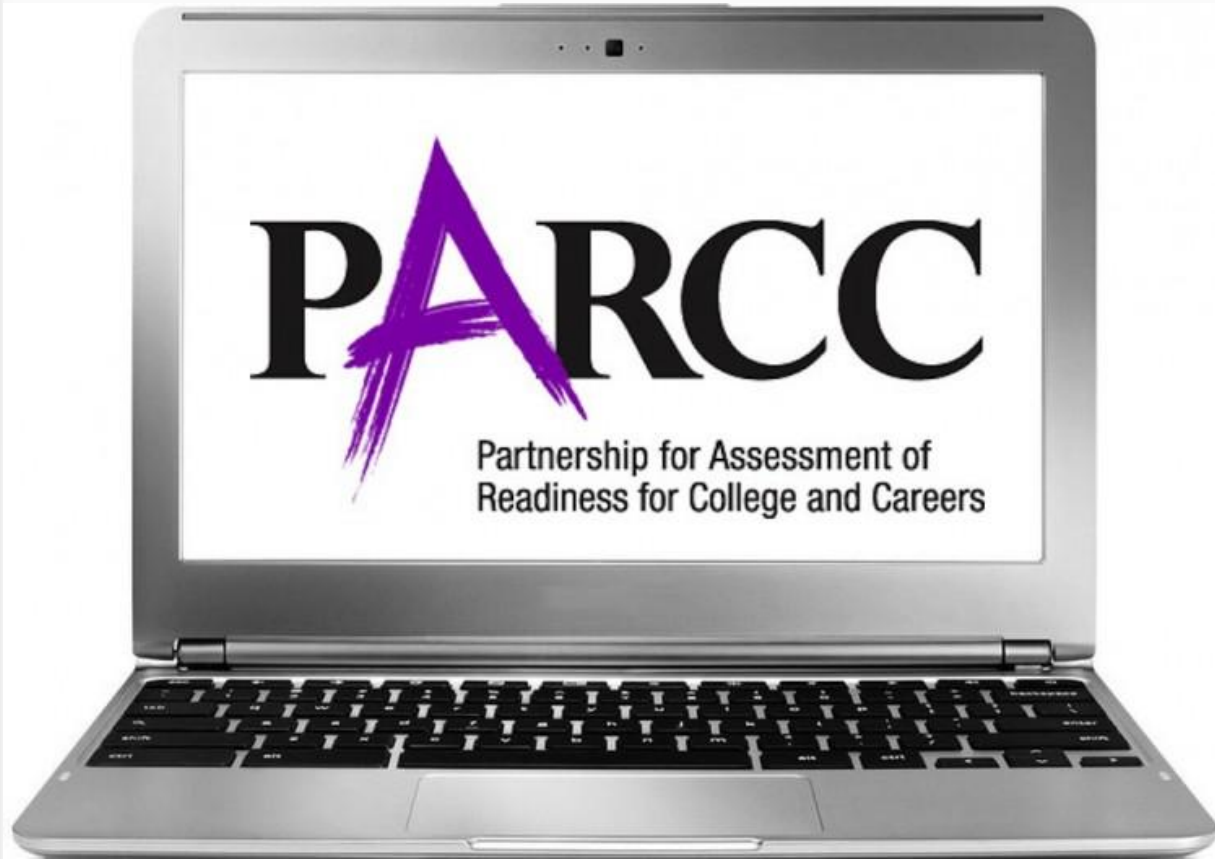
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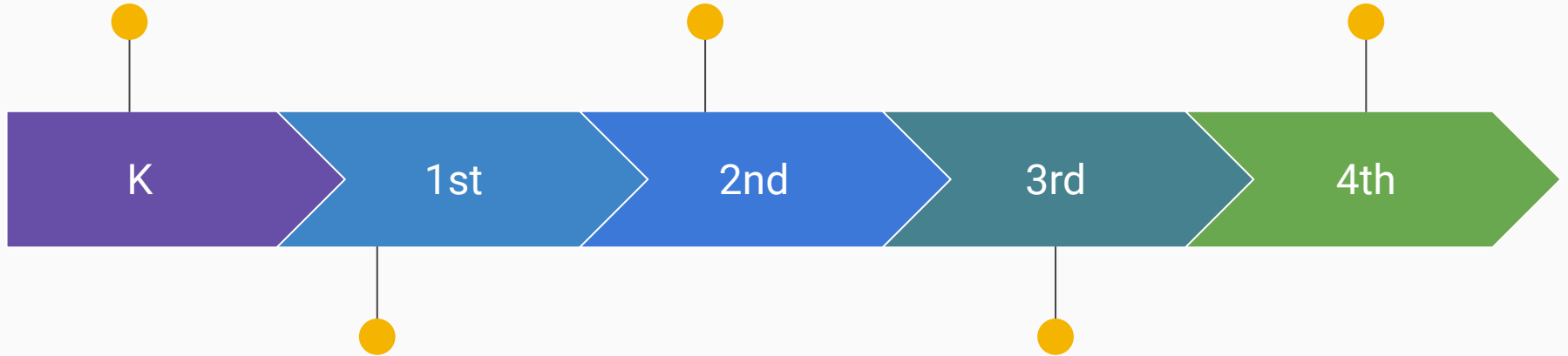
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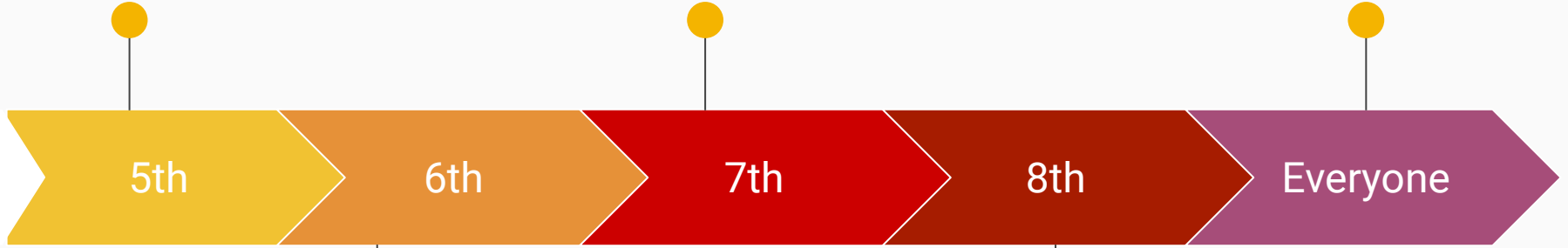
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