

Wildcat Weekly Testing Notice for Families:

### **State Testing in April**

End of Course exams and state assessments will begin on April 13th and conclude on April 30th. These assessments are reflected on every school district's report card and can bring a sense of great pride when students perform well. As a result, you may be hearing about review sessions, incentive plans, and other activities to encourage students to fully prepare for these assessments and to work their hardest come testing day. In case you are not familiar, students will be assessed in the following classes and grade levels:

### **Junior High - State Assessments**

7th Grade - English/Language Arts & Math

8th Grade - English/Language Arts, Math, & Science

### **High School - End of Course Exams**

English 9

English 10 \*

Algebra I \*

Geometry

Biology #

American History #

Government #

*\* For students in 9th and 10th grade, Algebra and English 10 are the graduation tests where students must show competency per the new graduation requirements. Students in grades 11th and 12th are still required to earn 18 points across all 7 of the End of Course exams.*

*# While the Biology, American History and Government exams are not required for graduation for students in grades 9 and 10, receiving a proficient score on these can earn the student a state graduation seal required for graduation.*

These tests accomplish many tasks. First, it allows a school to evaluate how well the students are reaching the standards set by the Ohio Board of Education. Second, it allows schools to identify areas of strengths, as well as areas of need re: curriculum and instruction. Third, high performing schools encourage local investing and can have a positive effect on property values. Finally, it helps us to identify students in need of an intervention bell as part of their schedule for the following year. For all of these reasons, we ask that you please speak with your student and encourage them to take these assessments seriously and to work diligently. Here are a few other key factors to know:

- Virtual students are required to take these assessments. At the high school level, not taking these assessments could put one's graduation in jeopardy. We will be sending out information to our families with remote learners about testing locations and safety protocols we will be taking.
- Attendance is very important. Students need to be on time and present on these testing days. Students do not test very well if they have to be scheduled for a makeup session. The specific testing dates are listed below.
- Test security is a high priority. Because of this, students will either need to leave their cell phones/smart watches/devices in their lockers or, when they enter the classrooms, place them in a box that will be kept in the room by the test proctor. If a student is found to have kept their device during the test, the item will be confiscated. Further consequences may be enacted.
- As these tests are statewide, students are not permitted to share out information via social-media, texting, etc. re: the content of these assessments. Any occurrence of revealing testing information will be thoroughly investigated and consequences will be enacted.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Again, we know that our students can be excellent achievers and will work extremely hard on these upcoming assessments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Spring Test Dates:

April 13 and 14th - ELA Assessments, Grades 7 - 12

April 27 - 30 - Math, Sci, and Social Studies Assessment, Grades 7 - 12.