

Dear Parents,

From March 1st through the 10th, our sixth and seventh grade students will participate in the reading, writing and math CSAP tests. These tests include questions that require written answers, as well as multiple-choice items. Six state literacy standards are measured on the reading and writing CSAP tests, including reading comprehension, writing for a variety of purposes and audiences, and writing using correct grammar and spelling. The State math standards are assessed with a separate test. The math assessment requires students to solve mathematical problems, to do computation, and to communicate their answers effectively.

Each test (reading, writing and math) has three sessions, for a total of nine sessions. Each session lasts approximately one hour. The three tests (nine sessions) will be administered over the course of six days.

You will receive a report describing your child's achievement for each of these three CSAP tests in late August. The report will include your child's performance compared to the State's reading, writing and math standards. Teachers also receive this information and use it as one indicator of student performance and progress over time.

Please know that parents may refuse to allow their child to participate in CSAP testing. When this happens, parents and teachers are denied useful information about that student's academic performance and progress over time. Furthermore, when test scores are published at www.schoolview.org and used to measure Adequate Yearly Progress in accordance with federal accountability requirements, the school's results may be negatively impacted.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or me.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Scott, Principal

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Dear Parents,

From March 1st to the 10th, our eighth grade students will participate in reading, writing, science and math CSAP tests. These tests include questions that require written answers, as well as multiple choice items. Six state literacy standards are measured on the Reading and Writing CSAP, including reading comprehension, writing for a variety of purposes and audiences, and writing using correct grammar and spelling. The state math standards are assessed with a separate test. The math assessment requires students to solve mathematical problems, computation, and to be able to communicate their answers effectively. The science assessment requires students to communicate effectively about scientific investigations, including experimental design, data analysis and results, in the areas of physical, life and earth and space sciences.

Each test (reading, writing, science and math) has three sessions, for a total of twelve sessions. Each session lasts approximately one hour. These four tests (twelve sessions) will be administered over the course of six days, with two sessions held per day.

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