

Worth School District 127

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Dear Parents,

In April, all students in grades 3-8 will be taking the state required PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessments. The PARCC Assessment is designed to measure a student's progress toward mastering the Common Core State Standards. Teachers use the results of this and other assessments to help tailor instruction to your child's specific learning needs, and to help prepare students for college and careers later in life.

Throughout the district, testing will take place beginning the week of April 3. School principals have developed testing schedules to meet the needs of their individual buildings. This year PARCC will consist of 3-4 tests for Math and 3 tests for English/Language Arts, depending on the grade level. No more than 2 tests will be given on any day. Testing times range from 60-90 minutes per test. All testing will be completed testing by April 20. Make-up tests will be administered as needed.

In addition, all 5th and 8th grade students will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) in April. The ISA aligns with our Illinois Learning Standards in science. The ISA is an hour-long summative assessment. The goal of the assessment is to help families understand how well students are performing academically and see whether they are on track to succeed in college. The ISA represents Illinois' commitment to preparing all students for college and careers, including in the high-demand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The assessment also satisfies federal accountability requirements.

We encourage you to talk with your children about the importance of doing their best on these assessments, while communicating that the assessments yield only one piece of information about them and their school's progress. Students' attendance, classroom work, homework, performance on local tests, and contributions to the school's climate and culture all help them grow and learn.

Parents can help their students by:

- Making sure students get a good night's sleep each night.
- Eating a good breakfast each morning.
- Ensuring students are in attendance and on time each day.

Thank you for your role in developing lifelong learners and successful citizens.

Sincerely,



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