



Youngstown City School District Office of Academic Accountability and Assessment

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Dear YCS D Families:

Please be reminded that the state of Ohio, based on federal legislation, requires that our students be assessed in the core contents of English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science. Our state is using the American Institute of Research (AIR) who has developed the state tests that assess our students. A small percentage of our students who require special accommodations for may begin testing as early as March 13, 2017. The remainder of our students will be assessed starting March 20, 2017 in Grades 3 through 11 in the following grades and on courses listed below:

March 20th to April 7th

- Grades 3 through 11 - English Language Arts/Reading
- Grade 11 – ACT State Assessment (March 22, 2017 at East, Chaney, Wilson, and Choffin)
- Grade 11 – ACT State Assessment (March 28, 2017 at YEC)

April 24nd to May 12th

- Grades 3 through 8, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II
- Grade 5, Grade 8, Biology and Physical Science (11th Grade)
- Grade 4, Grade 6, American History, and Government

The documents that are enclosed include a list of tests and the length of time set aside for completion of tests. Also included are some Test Taking Tips for parents or guardians to share with students. All tests will be given in an online format on a secure website provided by the state of Ohio except those students requiring special accommodations. If you would like more information regarding testing please go to: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohios-State-Test-in-ELA-Math-Science-SocialStudies>

We believe that the curriculum that our students have been studying all year has prepared them to be successful on the Ohio State Tests. They have also been practicing by taking online assessments during the course of the school year. The students have been reviewing material that will be on the upcoming tests as well. Please encourage your children to do their very best and positive about how they will do. Getting a good night's rest the day before the test is always very helpful. **Each of your buildings has been given the freedom to develop their own testing schedule within the district testing windows mentioned above. The testing schedule for your child's building should be shared with you and available at the main office of where your child attends.**

As we move closer to the test dates more information will be released. If you have questions, please contact your building principal or me at 330-744-6980.

Sincerely,

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