



'Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future'

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Dear YCSD Families:

Please be reminded that the state of Ohio, based on federal legislation, requires that students be assessed in the core content areas of English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies (HS Only). Our state has developed the Ohio State Tests (OST) in partnership American Institute of Research (AIR) which aligns with Ohio's Learning Standards which are taught to our students. Below, I have listed the two testing district windows when our YCSD students will be assessed starting Friday, March 29th, 2019:

March 29th to April 26th – ELA OST

- Grades 3 through 12 - English Language Arts (Reading)
- Grades 10 through 12 – End of Course (EOC) Exams and Retakes (ELA 1 and ELA 2)

April 12th to May 10th – Math, Science, and Social Studies OST

- Math - Grades 3 through 8 & Algebra I(Grades 8&9), Geometry(H.S.)
- Science - Grade 5, Grade 8, Biology(H.S.)
- American History and Government
- Grades 10 through 12 – End of Course (EOC) Exams and Retakes (Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, American History, and American 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 NWEA, Istation, and Interim 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 be positive about how they will do. Getting a good night's rest the day before the test and being very positive is always very helpful. **Each of your buildings has been given the freedom to develop their own testing schedule within the district testing windows. 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 330-610-5752.

Sincerely,

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