



March 9, 2022

Dear parents/guardians,

Beginning with the week of March 21, all students in grades 3-8 will take a standardized assessment called the ***Wisconsin Forward Exam***. This test is taking the place of the IOWA Assessment that our students have taken in grades 3, 5 & 7 and the winter session of MAPs that we have administered in past years.

Below is our testing schedule for the Forward Exam.

- Week of March 21: Grades 6 to 8 – English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments
- Week of March 28: Grades 3 to 5 - English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments
- Week of April 4: Grades 4 & 8 - Science and Social Studies assessments

Testing will take place in the morning. As with any standardized test, it is very important that your son or daughter be in school during this time. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window.

Included with this letter is a copy of the *Informational Brochure for Families*. It provides more information about the assessment including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used.

The Forward Exam measures the knowledge and skills your student(s) should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Their performance on the assessment will not affect any of his/her current grades. Please encourage your son or daughter to take the test seriously and do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make determinations or placement in classes to best support your child(ren).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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