Testing 101 for Freshman

• What Tests will I have to take my Freshman Year?

- Depending on what classes you are taking this year, you may take these state tests:
 - Biology April 20-21 (if taking Biology this year)
 - Algebra Week of April 24 (Advanced Algebra 1 students only)
 - Geometry Week of April 24 (if taking Adv Geometry this year)

• Why do I have to take these tests?

 These tests are mandated by the Ohio Dept of Education and are part of Ohio's Graduation Requirements.

• What do my scores mean?

To meet Ohio's standard of English and Math Competency, students more score 684 or above in both their Algebra and English II state tests. If students score below 684, they must retake these 2 specific tests at least once, typically in December the following year of their initial test.

• What other tests should I know about?

- You will be required to take additional state tests when sitting in the equivalent class:
 - English 10 (10th gr), Geometry (10th or 11th grade), American History (10th gr) and Gov't/Econ (11th gr)
- Several tests are given your Junior Year:
 - ACT: All Juniors take this test for free in the Spring
 - PSAT: This test is optional as practice for standardized test taking experience
 - ASVAB: All Juniors take this and later receive an interpretation session during their Gov't/Econ course for college and career planning purposes
 - SAT: This test is optional and recommended for some students depending on the colleges they plan on applying to

• How can I prepare for these tests?

- o For state tests:
 - Be attentive in the classes that are tested subjects (Algebra, Geometry, English 10, etc.)
 - Utilize any resources your teachers provide in class
 - Visit this link for practice and test prep: <u>State Test</u>
 Practice Information
- o For Future tests:
 - Don't panic. One assessment at a time. For more information on Junior year tests, see Mrs. Smith for additional resources. ©