September 4, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Missouri Assessment Program assesses students’ progress toward the Missouri Learning Standards, which are Missouri’s content standards. The state of Missouri has two different test students take based on their grade level or once a student has received instruction in a certain content area.

The Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-Level Assessments and End of Course Exams (EOC) evaluate students’ progress toward the Missouri Learning Standards. The MAP Grade-Level Assessments include assessments in the subject areas of Communication Arts (grades 3-8), Mathematics (grades 3-8), and Science (grades 5 and 8). Missouri’s suite of available End-of-Course assessments includes: English I, English II, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, American History, Government, Biology, and Physical Science. For the school year 2018-2019 all MAP and EOC tests were available online, unless a student’s IEP indicates that a Braille, Large Print, or Paper/Pencil form was needed.

MAP Grade-Level Assessments provide important information that contributes to decisions concerning individual students, groups of students, and educational programs.

A policy statement, adopted by the Missouri State Board of Education, designated the purposes of the Missouri Assessment Program as:

- Improving students’ acquisition of important knowledge, skills and competencies,
- Monitoring the performance of the Missouri education system,
- Empowering students and their families to improve their educational prospects, and
- Supporting the teaching and learning process.

Your child’s Individual Student Report includes an Achievement Level, which will describe his or her performance for the grade level and content area as Below Basic, Basic, Proficient, or Advanced. The report will also include a description of the skills that typically demonstrated by student in each Achievement Level.

All Individual Student Reports will be discussed and shared with parents at Fall Parent Teacher conferences to be held in October. If you would like your child’s results sooner, please reach out to their prospective building and they can assist you.

Please feel free to reach out to our District Test Coordinator, Diane Gillaspie, at 660-886-7414 ext. 10123 for any further information.

Sincerely,

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