

William R. Davie Middle S.T.E.M. Academy

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"Resilient Today...Triumphant Tomorrow"

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Dear Parent(s):

As you know, all students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades take the state-mandated End-of-Grade tests in reading and math each year. In addition, the 8th grade students take a Science EOG. The days of these tests are May 22-31 (all grades reading and math) May 22nd (8th grade science). Testing will begin at approximately 8:30 each morning. The test will take 3 to 4 hours each day, which includes test instructions and actual testing time.

During the testing environment, your student should read the selections, problems, and questions very carefully. He or she will be given pencils and blank paper for the assessment. Students should not bring anything from home such as extra blank paper, dictionaries, cell phones, iPods, or other electronics.

It is very important for all students to be at school by 7:45 A.M. each morning of testing. If your child misses one of the testing days, he or she will be required to make up the assessment. Research has shown that students perform better testing in their class rather than in a makeup session.

Students are NOT allowed to have personal belongings in the testing rooms or electronic devices. Please have them leave these items at home on test days. Anything brought will be confiscated and locked away in a separate room during testing.

If your student wears glasses or contacts, he or she should have them on these days. Please be sure your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a nutritious breakfast, and arrives at school by 7:45 on assessment days.

Please help your child do his or her best by the following:

- Do all you can to make sure your child is present and on time;
- Ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep the night before each test;
- Encourage your child to eat a good breakfast each morning;
- Talk to your child about the importance of reading questions, selections and problems carefully

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at (252-519-0300). Thank you for all your help and support as we strive to assist our students reach their full academic potential.

Sincerely,

Joann PearsonJoann Pearson
Assistant Principal/Testing Coordinator