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Dear Families,

The information included in this message is designed to provide both students and parents/guardians with information about the upcoming ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress.) assessment. Much of this information has already been shared with students in grades 3-11. However, we believe it is important to share it with parents and again with students.

We have worked diligently to follow the guidelines and expectations as indicated by the Iowa Testing Program to implement the tests with fidelity and follow the testing requirements.

These assessment results will guide us as we help students build and improve on skills needed to be successful in school and in life beyond high school. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please let us know.

- Students, Grades 3 - 11 will test in their classrooms if in elementary and in grade level groups in the high school unless there has been another arrangement.
- Seniors report to school at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 8th, Thursday, April 10, and April 15th. Seniors will be expected in their 1st hour class by 10:05.
- All students, grades 3 – 11 are expected to complete the tests.
- The tests are not timed. As long as a student is making progress in the completion of the test, he/she will be able to continue working on the test.
- Students who have not finished the test at the end of the testing time, will need to be pulled at another time to finish their test. When finished, they will move back to class.

Absences

We understand that students may be ill or absent during the time tests are scheduled. If this happens, please follow the steps listed below. Thanks for your help with this. If you have any questions, please let us know.

- Students who are ill, have an appointment, or are absent at the time of testing, will complete the test on a makeup day in which they are in attendance.
- Students who have an appointment scheduled during the testing session will not begin the test until they have returned to school from the appointment and have enough time to complete the test.

What Student Should Bring

- Fully charged computer.
- Pen or pencil to sign the test ticket and take notes on scratch paper.
- Headphones or earbuds (**wireless earbuds are NOT ALLOWED**)
- Materials/book to read or work on when finished with the test.
- Water bottle



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- Reminder – No cell phones, wireless earbuds, or SMART watches are allowed. Thank you for leaving them in your locker. Should you forget to leave either your cell phone or your SMART watch in your locker, your teacher/test proctor will keep them for you until the testing session is complete.

Honor Code

Prohibited behaviors for students during testing include, but are not limited to

- Using personal electronics (cell phones, SMART watches, or wireless earbuds) to capture test items or responses.
- Providing assistance to or accepting assistance from other students.
- Discuss test items or responses with students who have not yet tested.
- Sharing test tickets, or retaining tickets or scratch paper after testing.

Tips For Success

- Get a good night’s sleep and eat a good breakfast.
- The cafeteria at school will promptly close at 8:15 a.m. to give students enough time to move to their test centers.
- Be on time! Do your best!
- Make sure your computer is fully charged, and bring a pen or pencil.
- Make sure you have a book to read or homework to work on when you finish the test. (That does not require your computer.)
- These tests will give us helpful information about how to help you build important skills.
- Students must demonstrate proficiency on the ISASPs in reading, math, language arts and science. Our district will be assessed by the state based on this test. We want to be proud of our district.

ISASP Schedule

| Tuesday, April 8th 8:20-9:55 | Thursday, April 10th 8:20-9:55 | Tuesday, April 15th 8:20-9:55 | Wednesday, April 16th 8:20-9:45 No late start schedule |
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| Math Grades: 3-11 | Reading Grades: 3-11 | Language Arts/Writing Grades: 3,4, 6,7,8,9,10,11 | Language Arts/Writing Grades: 5 |
| | | Science Grade: 5 | Science Grades: 8 & 10 |

Thanks for reviewing things with your child and helping them get prepared for the ISASP Test.

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