

March 28, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This spring, your child will participate in the annual state assessments in English language arts and mathematics by taking the Smarter Balanced Assessments. Students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 will also be tested in science by taking the Next Generation Standards Science Assessment.

Student reports will be sent home to parents and guardians in early fall. You can use the results to see what your child knows and what skills they can demonstrate based on the state academic standards taught in the classroom and measured on the state assessments. Results for English language arts, mathematics, and science are only one example of information about your child's learning and should be considered with other student performance reflected during classwork, on your student's report card, and teacher feedback.

Results from the state assessments will be made available to school districts in the summer. Schools use these tests to see how students are progressing at each grade level. The results help school and district staff strengthen their educational programs and instruction to improve outcomes for your child.

Our schools and families are working to support students during this challenging year. Together we can help students continue to learn in order to graduate prepared for college and careers.

For more information about the statewide testing in our district, please visit <u>https://www.meridenk12.org/parents/school-related-services/</u>

Please turn over for testing schedule for each grade.

Smarter Balance Assessment Dates:

Grade 3

English Language Arts – Monday, April 25th – Friday April 29th Math – Thursday, May 19th – Wednesday, May 25th Math Performance Task – Thursday, May 26th – Monday, May 31st

Grade 4

English Language Arts – Monday, April 25th – Friday April 29th Math – Thursday, May 19th – Wednesday, May 25th Math Performance Task – Thursday, May 26th – Monday, May 31st

Grade 5

English Language Arts – Tuesday, April 19th – Monday May 25th Math – Monday, May 16th – Friday May 20th Math Performance Task – Monday, May 23rd – Wednesday, May 25th NGSS Science – Thursday, May 26th – Thursday, June 2nd

Thank you for your support during this assessment window.