



GLENVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

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Dear parents/guardians,

During the first and third trimesters, all 4th through 8th grade students will be participating in a mathematics Mastery Check; which is a common, district-wide assessment. The goal of the Mastery Check is to assess how well students are retaining essential standards throughout the duration of the course. Please note that students should not actively prepare for this assessment as it is designed to measure retention of current learning standards.

The results of the Mastery Check provide individual teachers with feedback on their own students as well as teams of teachers with feedback on how the grade level performed as a whole. It helps teachers understand which concepts in the curriculum may have posed difficulty for students so they can strengthen those concepts before moving on as well as areas that students excelled.

Another purpose of the Mastery Check is for the District to evaluate educational equity by ensuring that all students throughout our school community work towards the same depth of knowledge for essential learning standards. The assessment clarifies and provides commonality regarding what each student in each grade level should master by the end of the school year.

In addition, the Mastery Check in the first trimester confirms appropriate placement for students who have been provisionally placed in an Advanced or Accelerated math course. There will be a second Mastery Check near the mid-term of the third trimester of the year.

The Mastery Check score is not included as an assessment in a student's trimester grade. In addition, because it is an assessment given each year, students cannot view the results at home. Students will be able to view and process their results with their teacher once all students in the District have taken the assessment.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Bergeron, Math Coach for Teaching and Learning, or Dr. Matt Silverman, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning. You can also find more information on our website through the curriculum links.

Sincerely,

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