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**RE: Annual Notice of Northern York County School District Assessment System**

Dear Parent:

School Board Policy 127: Assessment System and School Board Policy 213: Assessment of Student Progress mandate that the Board shall approve an assessment system to monitor individual attainment of state and local academic standards. This system includes classroom-level formative (ongoing) and cumulative (end of unit) assessments, diagnostic and benchmark testing, and state-level testing such as the Keystone Exams and PSSA Assessments.

The results of these assessments provide a continuing record of each student’s academic progress towards the attainment of state academic standards. They are also an invaluable aid to teachers and counselors in identifying current achievement levels to provide more effective individualized instruction. During the coming school year, the following assessments may be administered to your student as part of this Assessment System.

ASSESSMENT	PURPOSE
Local Benchmark Assessment AIMSweb PLUS (Grades 6-8)	Measure students’ progress toward grade level performance standards
Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (Grades 6, 7, and 8)	Commonwealth testing program designed to provide information about the quality of public schools with results being used for curricular and planning purposes
Orleans-Hanna Algebra Readiness Classroom Diagnostic Tool	Measure student readiness for placement in Algebra I Measures student readiness for Keystone Exams
Keystone Exams (Required of all students taking Algebra I in 7th & 8th grade – Graduation requirement beginning with the class of 2023)	End-of-course assessments designed to assess proficiency in various subjects

Any assessment results that become part of the student record are governed under School Board Policy 216: Student Records. At NYSCD, the collection, maintenance and dissemination of student education records complies with federal and state laws and guidelines. Should your student transfer to another school system, you will be notified of the transfer of his/her permanent record to the receiving school system. No individual or agency outside of the school system will be permitted to inspect any student record without parental written permission.

You may examine your student’s record by making an appointment with the principal/or guidance office.

Sincerely,  
  
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