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**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We hope your child returns refreshed and ready for success. As we continue to focus on student growth, assessment plays a critical role in measuring progress and guiding instruction. Allegheny County Schools will once again participate in state-mandated assessments to evaluate your child's skills in reading, math, and science.

### **Grades 3-8 Testing:**

- **End-of-Grade (EOG) Tests:** Students in grades 3-8 will take EOGs in reading and math, while 5th and 8th graders will also take science EOGs. Due to new standards, science EOG scores for grades 5 and 8 will be delayed until August 2025.
- **NC Math 1 EOC:** 8th-grade students enrolled in NC Math 1 will take the End-of-Course (EOC) exam, which will count as 20% of their final grade.
- **Test Schedule:** These assessments will be administered in the last 10 days of the school year. Please note that per state regulations, there is no opt-out provision for these tests, which must be completed online and in person.
- **Beginning of Grade Reading Test (BOG3):** 3rd-grade students will take the BOG3 test within the first two weeks of school.

### **Grades 9-12 Testing:**

- **End-of-Course (EOC) Tests:** High school students enrolled in Biology, English II, Math I, or Math III will take EOC tests during the last 5 days of the Fall and Spring semesters. The EOC score will count as 20% of the overall semester grade, except for Biology, where score reporting is delayed until August 2025 and will not affect final grades for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Additional State Assessments:**
  - 10th graders will take the PreACT.
  - 11th graders will take the ACT.

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- Eligible 12th-grade Career and Technical Education (CTE) concentrators will take the ACT WorkKeys.

### **Local Assessments:**

- **Check-Ins 2.0:** These assessments will be administered three times per year for students in grades 3-8 to monitor progress in reading, math, and science. High school students enrolled in Biology, English II, Math I, and Math III will complete these assessments twice per semester. Teachers will receive student scores the next day to adjust instruction accordingly.

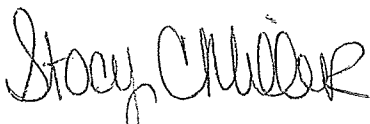
### **Alternative Assessments:**

- **NCEXTEND1:** This assessment will be administered to select students in grades 3-8, 10, and 11 for reading, math, and science.
- **College and Career Readiness Alternative Assessments (CCRAA):** These tests serve as an alternative to the PreACT and ACT for students in grades 10 and 11.
- **English Learner Assessments:** The WIDA Screener and ACCESS for ELLs will be administered to English Learner (EL) students, based on the home language survey process.

Thank you for your continued support of the Alleghany County Schools Accountability Program. Families will receive reminders about these assessments through school communications. For more information, including the full 2024-2025 testing calendar, please visit the district website under the "Accountability" section.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,



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Alleghany County Schools