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Dear GBAPS families,

This spring, all Green Bay Area Public School District students in grades 3 - 11 will take part in Wisconsin state assessments. It is important that all students participate in these assessments, which provide important data both for parents/guardians and the District to determine how students are achieving compared to other students in the state and whether or not students are mastering the Wisconsin State Standards.

State assessments are one measure, along with other classroom measures, that help us understand your child's learning. The assessments help teachers to target instruction to student needs and reflect upon their instructional practices; administrators to understand what students know and can do in order to guide curriculum and professional development decisions; and parents to understand what their child knows and is able to do in ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies in relation to the Wisconsin State Standards. The results allow stakeholders to understand how ready ALL students are for college and careers.

Assessment Content

Forward Exam (untimed)	Grades 3, 5, 6, 7 Grades 4 & 8 Grade 10	-ELA and Mathematics; given with breaks and over multiple days, untimed -ELA, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies; given with breaks and over multiple days, untimed -Social Studies only, typically taken within Social Studies class, untimed
ACT with Writing	Grade 11	5 sections, each timed: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Writing; given on one day with scheduled breaks, 235 minutes with scheduled breaks
PreACT Secure	Grades 9 & 10	4 sections, each timed: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science; given on one day with scheduled breaks, 155 minutes with scheduled breaks
DLM	Grades 3, 5, 6, 7 Grades 4, 8, 9, 11 Grade 10	-ELA and Mathematics; given with breaks and/or over multiple days, untimed -ELA, Mathematics, and Science; given with breaks and/or over multiple days, untimed -ELA, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies; given with breaks and/or over multiple days, untimed

Assessment Results

Individual Student Reports will be shared after the state has completed scoring of assessments. ACT results are available for families 3 – 8 weeks after testing is complete and the results will be sent directly to families from ACT. The District will notify families when Forward, PreACT, and DLM results are available through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

How You Can Help

You can help your child by:

- Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.
- Remaining positive. Staying calm will help your child stay calm. If your child gets nervous about the test or is likely to experience anxiety during the test, help them practice relaxation techniques they can try when taking the test.
- Reminding students that electronic devices are prohibited in the testing room: cell phones, smart watches, and other devices will not be accessible during testing or at testing breaks.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support of your child's education,



Vicki Bayer
Superintendent

When a parent or guardian requests that the student be excused from participating in the [WSAS](#), this request must be honored at grades 4, 8, 9-11, per Wis. Stats. 118.30(2)(b)3. with the exception of the ACCESS for ELLs. Parents or guardians wishing to excuse their child from participating in the Wisconsin Student Assessment System must contact your building principal to set up a meeting regarding your request.