TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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"Every Child, Every Day"

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Beginning in 1990, Kentucky chose to have an all-inclusive assessment system by having all Kentucky public school students participate in annual testing with the results of those assessments included in the state's accountability system for schools and districts. Kentucky tests students on various subjects beginning in grade 3. On average, administering Kentucky's state-level assessments takes less than one percent (1%) of the total instructional time in a given school year. The following assessments are required in Kentucky. Please refer to the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE's) Assessments webpage and individual assessment webpages to obtain the appropriate information to share with parents. The test windows for the current school year are available on KDE's Assessment Support webpage.

- Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) and Alternate KSA
- ACCESS for ELLs
- Common Kindergarten Entry Screener (K SCREEN)

Taylor County Schools requires the following assessments:

- K SCREEN (Kindergarten) – this assessment establishes Kindergarten readiness and is publicly reported on multiple state agency sites
- ACCESS for ELLs – all English Language Learners (K-12) are required to be assessed when enrolled in a public school annually until they meet proficiency benchmarks in Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing
- The ACT / The SAT – all Kentucky juniors are required to take the following sections of the ACT: English, Math, Reading, and Science or sections of the SAT: Math and Reading
- Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) and AKSA - grades 3-8, 10, 11 as required by the Federal Government; please see link above for more information

If you would like to request this information, please contact Sydney Newton by phone at 270.465.5371 or by email at sydney.newton@taylor.kyschools.us. Please include your child's name, the name of the school your child attends, the names of your child's teacher(s) and an address or email address where the information may be sent. Thank you for your interest and involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Sydney Newton

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