



# Rocky Hill Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The 2020-21 school year has been incredibly challenging. Given the current unique circumstances, our annual spring state testing will look a little different this year. The test results will not be used for school accountability measures. Instead, it will provide parents/guardians information on how their child is performing on grade-level standards. We understand that some families may find this information helpful, especially because we did not test last year. We will be offering the opportunity for both in-person and remote learners to take the test. If you are reluctant to test your child during such a difficult year, contact your child's principal. We will do our best to support your needs.

As a reminder, students in grades three through eight take the Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students in grades five, eight, and eleven participate in the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) assessment. Rocky Hill's testing schedule is listed at the end of this letter and can also be found on the "eLearning" page of the Rocky Hill Public Schools website at <https://www.rockyhillps.com/remote>.

The state tests are administered online. This year, the state has added a new remote testing tool which allows districts to administer the Smarter Balanced and NGSS tests to students who are in school as well as those who are at home. This means students participating in remote learning are able to log into the testing platform from their school-issued Chromebook at home. Schools will communicate specific testing times for each testing day. A practice testing session will also be scheduled. Principals will send home the testing schedule, including the date of the practice session. As a general rule, we will not be providing make-ups for the Smarter Balanced and NGSS assessments. This is in response to the complexities the pandemic situation has forced on schools.

### ***For remote learners***

Families of remote learners can find important information on preparing for remote testing on the "eLearning" page of the Rocky Hill Public Schools website. Parents of students taking the Smarter Balanced and /or the NGSS test remotely **must** complete the state's testing agreement [form](#) by Friday, April 23, 2021. If a remote student chooses to take the test in school, you **must** complete the in-person enrollment [form](#) by Friday, April 23, 2021. Both forms can also be found on the "eLearning" page of the Rocky Hill Public Schools website. Remote students that do not fill out one of these forms will **not be** included in this year's testing.

**Rocky Hill Public Schools Testing Schedule, Spring 2021**

School	Grade(s)	Dates	Test
Rocky Hill High School	11	April 29	NGSS
Griswold Middle School	6, 7, & 8	May 10-14	Smarter Balanced ELA and Math
Griswold Middle School	8	May 20, 21	NGSS
Moser School	4 & 5	May 3, 4, 6, 7, 18	Smarter Balanced ELA and Math
Moser School	5	May 20, 21	NGSS
Stevens Elem. School	3	May 3, 4, 6, 7, 18	Smarter Balanced ELA and Math
West Hill Elem. School	3	May 3, 4, 6, 7, 18	Smarter Balanced ELA and Math

*Note: Parents of special education students taking an alternate assessment should consult their child's case manager for specific information.*

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to call your child's principal or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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