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Re: Grades Three, Four, Five and Six Ohio's state tests in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics and Science.

Dear Parents and Guardians of students in grades three, four, five, and six,

On March 23 Southern Local Elementary School students will begin completing Ohio's state tests in grades three, four, five and six. Cambium Assessments Inc. (CAI) is the testing contractor for these tests.

Students in grade three will complete the ELA and Math tests using the pencil paper format. Students in grades four, five and six will complete the ELA and Math tests using the online format. Students in grade five will also complete the online Science test. All state tests are divided into two parts. Students will complete Part 1 and Part 2 of each test on separate days.

It is important that our students demonstrate their academic skill and knowledge by putting forth their best effort when completing the tests in ELA, Math and Science. These tests are very important in that they provide the school and the home with an accurate assessment of the knowledge that our students have mastered in each of the areas in which they were tested. There are many ways in which the school and the home can work together to assist our students in maintaining their focus and putting forth their best effort. Parents should encourage their children to put forth their best effort on each test.

As a parent you will receive a copy of your child's test results. Test results are scheduled to arrive in late July of 2021. All grade three students completed the Ohio ELA/Reading test in October and will complete the ELA/Reading test again on March 25 and March 29. For all grade three students, the highest score will be the score that is reported to the Ohio Department of Education.

Note: The Ohio Department of Education has established specific rules/guidelines that apply to the state tests. One of the rules that all parents and students need to be aware of pertains to electronic devices during testing. The rule states: All electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, etc.) must be collected from students prior to the test administration. Students must be told that electronic devices are prohibited during the test administration. Use of an electronic device during a test administration is a security violation. Southern Local Elementary School strongly recommends that students leave all electronic devices at home on school days during which they will be completing the state tests.

Parents of online students should contact Larry Rudloff if your child will complete the state tests. The school encourages all online students to complete these tests. Due to technology and test security requirements the ODE does not offer an option for online students to complete the state tests remotely. All state testing must be completed in a school setting.

Online students who will complete the state tests need to bring their chrome books on test days and arrive at school at 8:45 AM. Students are to be dropped off in front of the Junior Senior High School entrance where they will enter the building and go to their assigned homeroom. The school will provide breakfast for all students including our online students.

Parents of online students will be contacted at the conclusion of testing each day regarding the pickup of their child. All online students will be picked up at the elementary school office. Parents will park in the elementary school parking lot.

As the parent of an online student the following information will give you an idea of when your child will be finished testing each day. Testing will begin at 9:30. Students in grades three, four and five have 90 minutes to complete each part of the English Language Arts test and 75 minutes to complete each part of the Mathematics test. Fifth grade students have 75 minutes to complete each part of the Science test. Grade six students have 105 minutes to complete each part of the English Language Arts test and 90 minutes to complete each part of the Mathematics test.

I have included our Spring 2021 test schedule for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Ohio's state tests or Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee please contact me by calling the elementary school. You can reach me at 330-679-2301 or 330-679-0281, extension 4019 or by email at larry.rudloff@omeresanet.net. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Larry Rudloff
Guidance Counselor

The Spring state test schedule for grades three, four, five and six will be as follows.

Tuesday, March 23: 9:30 AM English Language Arts Part 1 (Grades 4, 5, 6)

Wednesday, March 24: 9:30 AM English Language Arts Part 2 (Grades 4, 5, 6)

Thursday, March 25: 9:30 AM English Language Arts Part 1 (Grade 3)

Monday, March 29: 9:30 AM English Language Arts Part 2 (Grade 3)

Tuesday, March 30: 9:30 AM Mathematics Part 1 (Grades 4, 5, 6)

Wednesday, March 31: 9:30 AM Mathematics Part 2 (Grades 4, 5, 6)

Thursday, April 1: 9:30 AM Mathematics Part 1 (Grade 3)

Tuesday, April 6: 9:30 AM Mathematics Part 2 (Grade 3)

Wednesday, April 7: 9:30 AM Grade 5 Science Part 1 (Grade 5)

Thursday, April 8: 9:30 AM Grade 5 Science Part 2 (Grade 5)