

April 3, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians of Titan 7th and 8th Graders,

Your children's diligent work this year in their coursework has prepared them well for the first round of STAAR tests. We would like to provide you with some information regarding these tests, which are this upcoming week. The STAAR days are:

Tuesday, April 9

- 7th Grade STAAR Writing
- 8th Grade STAAR Math

Wednesday, April 10

- 8th Grade STAAR Reading

We are sharing this information with you to give you an opportunity to help you best prepare your child for these important assessments. Please take a moment to share the information below with your child; it will reinforce what they have already been told at school.

1. Get a good night's rest, and make sure to eat breakfast before the test
2. If possible, please leave electronic devices at home. Devices such as mobile phones, smart watches, iPads, tablets, etc., may not be in your child's possession during testing. Devices will be collected from students prior to testing, and they will be returned to them when testing concludes. After devices are collected and testing begins, students found to be in possession of a device, even if it is not in active use, will have their assessment voided, and they will not have an opportunity to take and pass the STAAR test. For more details, please read the [Electronic Device Policy Notification to Parents – State Testing](#), which is on our campus webpage
3. Your child will eat lunch in his/her testing room on their testing day(s). ***This includes students currently taking Algebra who will not be taking the 8th Grade STAAR Math assessment on Tuesday.*** Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch from home. However, all students are welcome to order a sack lunch from the cafeteria if they wish, or if they forget their lunch from home. ***There will be no outside lunch deliveries or the ability for parents/family to eat with their child(ren) on STAAR test days (Tuesday and Wednesday). This includes students who are not testing on these days***
4. Students should bring their lunches to class/testing room with them – all grade levels. Students will not be able to visit their lockers on the way to lunch or to leave the testing room to retrieve their lunch
5. There will be no before school activities on Tuesday, April 9 or Wednesday, April 10. Students will use their normal mode of transportation home at dismissal time on Tuesday and Wednesday
6. If a student is absent for any reason on a test day, STAAR make-up will occur Thursday, April 11

We are grateful for your support with ensuring a successful testing week. Please call us if you have any questions. You may reach us at (281) 634-3080.

Yours in the service of children,

Keith Fickel, Principal
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