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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child will be taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam soon. Wisconsin students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 will be participating in this exam during the March 28 - May 20 assessment window. This activity takes place to abide by state statutes and mandates, and to inform our practices as a district.

Testing dates and subjects for the district are reflected in the table below.

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 10
ELA	April 12 /13	May 2 /3	May 11/12	May 11/12	April 28/29	April 11/12	NA
Mathematics	April 14	May 9	May 13	May 13	April 25/27	April 6/7	NA
Science	NA	April 26	NA	NA	NA	April 13	NA
Social Studies	NA	April 25	NA	NA	NA	April 14	May 17

It is very important that your learner **be in school during the scheduled testing time**. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for make-up sessions prior to the close of the testing window. Make-up testing will mean that in-class experiences and instruction will be sacrificed. Please arrange appointments for your child around the scheduled testing dates and ensuring that he/she is well-rested and has eaten a good breakfast.

You may want to review the [Information Brochure for Families](#) which gives more information about the assessment including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used.

Before the actual testing date, students will likely participate in a practice session to help him/her understand the format of the test. You may review practice materials with your child at:

The Forward Exam measures the knowledge and skills your student(s) should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Their performance on the assessment will not affect any of their current grades. Please encourage your son or daughter to take the test seriously and do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school and district staff make decisions to best support all learners.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school counselor, principal, or me. If you have specific questions about your child's current academic progress, please contact his/her teacher(s).

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Andrea Thiry-Wenz