

March 25, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of current middle school students:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the expectations and procedures for the standardized testing for students in April, 2021. The tests are offered in person at Williamston Middle School with no virtual option. If your child is currently attending school online and will need bus transportation on the designated testing dates, then please call Williamston Middle School. All students are expected to follow the [WMS COVID Safety Protocols](#). Please see the detailed information below:

Doors to the building will open at 11:35 AM and students should plan to arrive in the building no later than 11:50 AM. Upon arrival, students proceed to their designated testing room with needed materials, and sit in their assigned seats. Please note that WMS is held to high standards in terms of test-taking by the State of Michigan. Please ensure your child is present and on-time for these tests. If they arrive late, alternative testing arrangements will need to be made.

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

- **PSAT (8th grade ONLY).** Students are expected to be in their assigned seats no later than 11:50 AM. Room assignments will be posted at entrance doors and in the hallways of the building.
- Students will take four timed tests: reading, writing/language, math (no calculator), and math (calculator). Breaks will be provided between testing sessions.
- Students are expected to bring the following items for the PSAT: #2 pencils, scientific or graphing calculator. If your child is unable to bring the following items, then please contact Rachel Foster at 655-4668 so we can make arrangements.
- **ALL 6TH & 7TH GRADE STUDENTS LEARN ONLINE FROM HOME (HOURS 1-6 asynchronous AM/synchronous PM (see linked schedule)**

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

- **M-Step ELA (6th & 7th grade ONLY).** Students are expected to be in their assigned seats no later than 11:50 AM. Room assignments will be posted at entrance doors and in the hallways of the building.
- Breaks will be provided between testing sessions.
- Students will need headphones or earbuds for the test. If your child needs school provide headphones, then please contact Rachel Foster at 655-4668 so we can make arrangements.
- **ALL 8TH GRADE STUDENTS LEARN ONLINE FROM HOME (HOURS 1-3 asynchronous AM/synchronous PM)**

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

- **M-Step Math (6th & 7th grade ONLY).** Students are expected to be in their assigned seats no later than 11:50 AM. Room assignments will be posted at entrance doors and in the hallways of the building.
- Breaks will be provided between testing sessions.
- Students will need headphones or earbuds for the test. If your child needs school issued headphones, then please contact Rachel Foster at 655-4668 so we can make arrangements.
- **ALL 8TH GRADE STUDENTS LEARN ONLINE FROM HOME (HOURS 4-6 asynchronous AM/synchronous PM)**

Additionally, **8th grade students will take the M-Step tests: Social Studies (April 15-16) and Science (April 20-23)** during their designated class times with their assigned teachers. Please watch for specific dates and information from Mrs. Bollis and Mr. Keith.

Since all state of Michigan required tests are highly monitored, the following are not permitted in the testing location: additional electronics, cell phones, hats, food, drinks, or other materials. The only exceptions are headphones for the M-Step. Students may bring water that can be consumed during designated break times and locations.

In preparation for the test, plenty of rest and a healthy breakfast are recommended. Students who are taking standardized tests will NOT be assigned asynchronous work by their teachers, which will allow time for students to prepare for the test in the afternoon. If you have any questions please call Williamston Middle School at 655-4668.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deb LaFleur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deb" being more prominent.

Deb LaFleur