

## DeSSA Testing Update:

As we move into the last marking period of the school year, we will begin administering our annual state assessments in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. Although this year has been like no other, these assessments will provide us with information about our students' learning strengths and needs moving forward and will also provide you with information about your child's academic progress. This information, along with other classroom data, will be used to help us ensure we are meeting the needs of each student as we plan for summer and fall programming.

Students participating in the hybrid model will complete the state assessments on the days in which they attend in-person learning at school. Students that are participating in remote learning at home will be offered scheduled time to come into the school to complete the assessments as we are not able to administer them remotely.

A testing Q&A is provided below to answer any additional questions you may have. Thank you so much for your continued involvement and support as we move into the home stretch of this unprecedented school year.

## Assessment Q&A:

### ***How many assessments will my child take?***

- Grades 3 - DeSSA ELA, DeSSA Math
- Grades 4 - DeSSA ELA, DeSSA Math, DeSSA Social Studies
- Grades 5 - DeSSA ELA, DeSSA Math, DeSSA Science

### ***How long is the assessment?***

*Students will be scheduled to complete one - two assessment subjects per day. It can be spread out across the day as needed.*

- DeSSA ELA - Grades 3-5 (2 hours 30 minutes)
- DeSSA Math - Grade 3-5 (1 hour 30 minutes), Grades 6-7 (2 hours), Grade 8 (2 hours 30 minutes)
- DeSSA Science - Grade 5 (1 hour 30 minutes), Grade 8 & HS Biology (2 hours)
- DeSSA Social Studies - Grade 4 (2 hours 30 minutes)

### ***What dates will the assessment be administered?***

4/26/2021	4/27/2021	4/28/2021	4/29/2021	4/30/2021	5/5/2021
Hybrid A English Language Arts/ Social Studies	Hybrid A Math/ Science	Remote English Language Arts/ Social Studies	Hybrid B English Language Arts/ Social Studies	Hybrid B Math/ Science	Remote Math/ Science

### ***Does my child need to do anything to prepare?***

No, there is nothing extra your child needs to do to prepare...the schoolwork they have been completing all year has helped to prepare them to be successful on the assessment. Additionally, classroom teachers will walk students through a practice test during class time prior to administering the assessment in order to help them become familiar with the testing platform functions.

### ***What will my child do when the teacher is monitoring the assessment?***

Students will be given asynchronous work during the days teachers are giving the assessment.

### ***Can I choose which tests my child will or will not participate in?***

Selecting to exclude your child from the Spring Assessments would mean they would not participate in any of the State Assessments this year. If your child is not testing, he/she will be assigned asynchronous assignments by the classroom teachers. If your child reports to school on testing days but will not be taking the tests, they will not be in their regular classroom. They will report to another location in the school to complete the asynchronous work. You may also opt to keep your child home without penalty to his/her attendance and they can do the asynchronous work at home. .

***What if I don't feel comfortable having my remote child come into the school to test?***

In order to alleviate any possible anxiety you may have about bringing your remote student in to complete the assessment, we can offer the following:

- Testing in a small group setting following all CDC guidelines for mask wearing and social distancing
- The testing can be administered at an off-site location (Robinson Elementary School)
- Per House Bill 50, parents have the right to opt their child out of testing. Please notify your child's school if you do not wish to have them tested.

**If you would like to request any of the above options, please contact the main office at (302) 674-9080..**