

May 5, 2022

Dear Wa-Hi Parents & Guardians,

It is springtime and in schools throughout the district and state that means it is state testing time. We are currently required by the State of Washington to give comprehensive assessments in English Language Arts, Math, and Science to students at designated grade levels. The scores of these assessments determine whether a student meets one of the pathways to graduate from a Washington State high school.

During May 16 - 20 all sophomores will test in their English and Math classrooms for a few days. On Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24 we will have all 10th grade students take the *Smarter Balanced Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics exams* (SBA ELA & Math exams). Additionally, any 11th or 12th grader who has not yet earned a passing score on one or both of these exams will also be required to attend both days of testing. All students who need to test will receive a personalized letter this Thursday in their English class (see sample below) informing them of their testing location and time.

In order to accommodate all students testing and to provide appropriate staff proctoring of the tests, we will be following a *Testing Delayed Start Schedule* for those two days (included in the sample student note shown below). This means that only our 10th graders and those 11th and 12th graders still needing to earn a passing score will need to be at school at 8:50 AM on those two days. School will start at 10:50 AM for all other students, unless they have a 0 period which they will need to attend at 7:50 AM.

Additionally, the state requires that all 11th grade students take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). This means that only our 11th graders will need to be at school at 8:50 AM on Thursday, May 26. School will start at 10:50 AM for all other students, unless they have a 0 period which they will need to attend at 7:50 AM. Please refer to the enclosed schedule for details.

We realize that a *Testing Delayed Start Schedule* is an inconvenience to some. Buses will run a normal schedule, however, students who are not testing and arrive at school prior to our 10:50 AM start time can report to the Commons. There we will provide a supervised area where students can gather, study, or visit until classes start; however, students will not be allowed to walk around campus, as state testing will be occurring in all other buildings on campus.

I want you to also be aware that the *Testing Delayed Start Schedule* could cause other conflicts for Running Start and SEATech students, those with after-school jobs, or other circumstances. If these schedule time changes are problematic for your student and they will not be able to attend a class, please contact our attendance office (527-3020) in advance so that we can excuse the absence for this unusual scheduling of classes. Also, ask your student to connect with the teacher of any class(es) that may be missed due to the schedule time conflict.

Again, please remember that both SBA ELA and SBA Math exams are required by state law and are the most common way to meet a graduation pathway. Students need to take these exams seriously and put forth their best effort. Please be assured that students who do not earn a passing score will be given opportunities to retake these exams and will be provided academic support to improve their skills. State tests provide a snapshot of how your child performed during testing and are not indicators of classroom performance. Classroom performance should be the primary measure of your child's skills and knowledge. If you have a concern about your child's testing performance, please talk with his/her teacher, or assigned counselor, or intervention specialist.

Please contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Ron Higgins
Principal

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SAMPLE

**Important
Information**

Dear: Susie Student

As a 10th grade student in the state of Washington, you are required to pass the Smarter Balanced Assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics. This is the seventh year our state is administering the Smarter Balanced tests. The results from these tests will be a measure of whether you are on track to be college and career ready after high school.

Each subject area assessment has two different parts: Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and Performance Task (PT). Your schedule for Spring testing is in the table below.

Assessment	Date	Time	Location
Math CAT	May 16 - 20	Class time	Math Classroom
ELA CAT	May 16 - 20	Class time	ELA Classroom
ELA PT	Monday, May 23	8:30 am	Flex Advisory Classroom
Math PT	Tuesday, May 24	8:50 am	Flex Advisory Classroom

Students who score a 3 or 4 on the Smarter Balanced tests will be able to move directly into credit-bearing college-level courses (levels 100 and above) upon enrollment at more than 220 colleges, universities, and community and technical colleges in eight states, including Washington. *This means you can bypass traditional placement tests students typically take when you enroll in college and avoid costly remedial courses.*

For more information about the tests and try out an online practice test, visit <https://smarterbalanced.org/our-system/students-and-families/>. For further questions, please see your English and Math teacher, counselor, or Mr. Ferez in P13.

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Test Protocols – Important!!

- (1) The assessments are delivered on **your fully charged chromebook** over a secure browser. **You will be required to turn your cell phone off** and place it in your backpack or have your test administrator hold until the **end of the test session**.
- (2) If you finish early you will be required to sit quietly until the test session has ended. **Please bring a book to read should you finish early.**
- (3) Headphones are needed for the Smarter Balanced ELA Assessment. **Please bring your personal headphones if you would prefer them over the school headphones.**
- (4) **Your test schedule and class schedule for May 16 - 26 are on the back.**



PLEASE REMEMBER



**WWHS Smarter Balanced Assessment and Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science Schedules – SPRING
2022**

May 16th - 20th	Monday, May 23rd	Tuesday, May 24th	Wednesday, May 25th	Thursday, May 26th
Regular Bell Schedule	Delayed Start for SBA ELA Assessment	Delayed Start for SBA Math Assessment	Early Release Schedule	Delayed Start for WCAS Assessment
SBA Computer Adaptive Test Grade 10 = in ELA & Math Classrooms Grade 11 & 12 Selected Students = in Aud & Commons	ELA Performance Task Grades 10 11 & 12 Selected Students	Math Performance Task Grades 10 11 & 12 Selected Students	Early Release Schedule	WCAS 11th Grade
Regular Schedule	8:50 – 10:50 am in Assigned Classrooms/ Commons/Auditorium	8:50 – 10:50 am in Assigned Classrooms/ Commons/Auditorium	Early Release Schedule	8:50 – 10:50 am in Assigned Classrooms/ Commons/Auditoriu m
Period 0 = 7:50 - 8:37 Period 1 8:50 - 9:37 Flex Per. 9:43 - 10:12 Period 2 10:18 - 11:05 1st Lunch 11:11 - 11:41 Period 3A 11:47 - 12:34 Period 3B 11:11 - 11:58 2nd Lunch 12:04 - 12:34 Period 4 12:40 - 1:27 Period 5 1:33 - 2:20 Period 6 2:28 - 3:15	Period 0 = 7:50 - 8:37 SBA ELA PT 8:50 - 10:50 Period 2 11:00 - 11:30 First Lunch "A" Lunch 11:36 - 12:06 Period 3A 12:12 - 12:42 Second Lunch "B" Period 3B 11::36 - 12:06 Lunch 12:12 - 12:42 Period 1 12:48 - 1:18 Period 4 1:34 - 2:04 Period 5 2:10 - 2:40 Period 6 2:46 - 3:15	Period 0 = 7:50 - 8:37 SBA Math PT 8:50 - 10:50 Period 2 11:00 - 11:30 First Lunch "A" Lunch 11:36 - 12:06 Period 3A 12:12 - 12:42 Second Lunch "B" Period 3B 11::36 - 12:06 Lunch 12:12 - 12:42 Period 1 12:48 - 1:18 Period 4 1:34 - 2:04 Period 5 2:10 - 2:40 Period 6 2:46 - 3:15	Period 0 = 7:50 - 8:32 Period 1 8:50 - 9:32 Period 2 9:38 - 10:20 1st Lunch 10:26 - 10:56 Period 3A 11:02 - 11:44 Period 3B 10:26 - 11:08 2nd Lunch 11:14 - 11:44 Period 4 11:50 - 12:32 Period 5 12:38 - 1:20 Period 6 1:28 - 2:10	Period 0 = 7:50 - 8:37 WCAS 8:50 - 10:50 Period 2 11:00 - 11:30 First Lunch "A" Lunch 11:36 - 12:06 Period 3A 12:12 - 12:42 Second Lunch "B" Period 3B 11::36 - 12:06 Lunch 12:12 - 12:42 Period 1 12:48 - 1:18 Period 4 1:34 - 2:04 Period 5 2:10 - 2:40 Period 6 2:46 - 3:15
School buses will arrive at normal times in the morning. School buses will depart at normal times after school. Valley Transit buses will arrive/depart Wa-Hi on the normal half-hour intervals.				