

Distributing Statement

Attendance:

- Every student is responsible for attending school and all required school functions, every day unless the student is justifiably excused. Furthermore, students are responsible for attending all of their classes and arriving to school and to each class on time.
- Parents are responsible for making sure that their child gets to school on time every day. In the event that their child is justifiably excused, it is the responsibility of the parents to notify the school office by phone, fax or e-mail no later than 8:30am of the absence. Additionally, should your child need to leave school for a medical appointment or other justified reason, it is the parents' responsibility to notify the school of this need in writing prior to taking your child from school.

Testing:

- All students complete the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
 assessment three times each year. MAP results are used by the faculty and
 administration to help place students in classes that are appropriate to their academic
 progress; and monitor their academic growth and preparedness for state testing.
 Additional assessments may be required for students identified as potentially at risk.
- All students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) complete STAR
 assessments three times per year for growth and progress monitoring.
- All students complete the Panorama assessment for SEL twice per year. Grades 3-8 self-assessment; Grades K-2 teacher assessment.
- All students identified for ESL services complete the OELPA one time per year.
- GEMS requires all Kindergarten students to take the state required assessment tests (KRA) each fall.
- GEMS students are required to take all standardized tests that are required by the State of Ohio.
- Attendance on each of these testing days is required unless a parent or doctor's note is received stating that the student is unable to attend that day. It is understood that the missed test(s) will be made up as soon as possible within the testing window.
- Parents/Guardians should make sure that their student is well-rested on the day of
 each test and has had a healthy breakfast to ensure that the student has the best
 possible chance of doing well on each test.



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