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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

This year at Cardinal High School, your son or daughter will be participating in various classroom, district, and state-level assessments.

There are several ways to complete the state required testing criteria for graduate. Beginning with the class of 2018, Ohio allows several options to qualify for a high school diploma.

- *Option 1:* Ohio State tests - Earn at least 18 points on seven end-of-course state tests. Each test score earns you up to five graduation points. You must have a minimum of four points in math, four points in english and six points across science and social studies. Your school and district receive grades on the Ohio School Report Cards for all students' scores and participation on state tests. Students enrolled in specified courses are required to test.
- *Option 2:* Industry credential and workforce readiness -Earn a minimum of 12 points by receiving a State Board of Education-approved, industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field and earn a 13 on WorkKeys, a work-readiness test.
- *Option 3:* College and career readiness tests - Earn the “remediation-free” scores on either the ACT or SAT as follows:
  - ACT Scores: English  $\geq 18$   
Math & Reading  $\geq 22$
  - SAT Scores: Writing  $\geq 430$   
Math  $\geq 520$   
Reading  $\geq 450$

The state will continue to use the AIR assessments as a measurement tool to report academic progress on the State Report Card. At the high school level, students will be tested in English/Language Arts 1 & 2 (English 9 & 10), Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, American History, and American Government. Cardinal High School Students have the ability to retake any AIR test if points are needed for graduation. This will be communicated to specific students and their families at a later date, giving students an opportunity to earn additional points. Student retaking AIR assessments will receive intervention and supports to prepare them for the spring testing window.

Districts and community schools must administer a state-funded college and career readiness test to juniors in spring 2017 as one of their three diploma options. Cardinal Local School District selected the state-funded ACT college and career readiness test.

Building administrators, school counselors, and teachers will be communicating specific testing dates throughout the school year. If you have any questions at any time, please don't hesitate to seek out their professional knowledge of the testing experience. Please ensure your child's best performance on these tests by encouraging your child to go to bed early the night before and to eat a nutritious breakfast the morning of testing. Best Wishes for a successful testing year!

Yours in Education,

*Mrs. Sherry Peters*  
District Testing Coordinator

*Mr. Jeremy Hunter*  
Building Principal

*Mrs. Jill DeRamo*  
School Counselor

**OGT Tests:** Seniors who have not passed these tests will be given the assessment in the morning during normal school hours. OGT week will be October 24 - October 28 for the fall and March 13 - March 17 for the spring.

**Fall AIR Assessment:** Juniors and all students testing that day must arrive at the normal time. All other students are able to arrive 2 hours late if they have transportation. Juniors will be participating in ACT test prep for their Spring test date.

December 12	Geometry	2 Hour Late Arrival *See note above
December 13	Biology	2 Hour Late Arrival *See note above
December 14	ELA I & II	No School for non-tested Students College and Career Exploration Day
December 15	American History	2 Hour Late arrival *See note above
December 16 - 21	Make- ups for tests	Normal Bell Schedule

**Building Final Exams for 1st Semester**

January 9	Finals	Blocks 1, 3, 5
January 10	Finals	Blocks 2, 4, 6
January 11	Finals Make-ups	Early release day

**ACT Test for Juniors ONLY:** March 24 (2 hour Late Arrival) April 3 & 4 Makeups (Normal Bell Schedule)

**Spring AIR Assessment:** The 2 Hour Late Arrival will apply to all students who are NOT testing.

April 5	ELA I & II	No School for non-tested Students College and Career Exploration
April 24	Algebra 1 & Geometry	2 Hour Late Arrival
April 25	Am. History & Am. Government	2 Hour Late Arrival
April 27	Biology	2 Hour Late arrival

**Retakes & Make - ups:** Normal bell schedule on these days

April 6	ELA I	Normal Bell Schedule
April 7	ELA II	Normal Bell Schedule
April 28	Algebra	Normal Bell Schedule
May 1	Geometry	Normal Bell Schedule
May 2	Biology	Normal Bell Schedule
May 8	Am. History & Am. Government	Normal Bell Schedule

**AP Tests:** May 4 (Gov't) / May 5 (US History) / May 9 (Calculus)

**Building Final Exams for 2nd Semester**

May 24	Finals	Blocks 1, 3, 5
May 25	Finals	Blocks 2, 4, 6
May 26	Finals Make-ups	