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PARENT NOTIFICATION OF TESTING

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Beginning next week, your child will participate in online English Language Arts and Math benchmark assessments. The results from the benchmark assessment are for instructional purposes only, and will provide important information to your child's teacher about strengths and weaknesses for upcoming lessons. Please note, this assessment is only one of the multiple measures we use to make instructional decisions. Additional information with specific dates/times and directions for accessing the test will be provided to your child.

All testing will be done online as follows for Hybrid and Cyber Students Grades 1-12:

- Grades 1-8 Hybrid Students: In-School Testing, Cyber Students: Online testing at home
- Grades 9-12 Hybrid and Cyber Students: Online testing at home

Teachers will provide students with testing links and codes to complete their tests. Each teacher will also provide students with deadlines for completion. Students will be given a Class Participation grade which will reflect how well they comply with the teacher's procedures for completing the test.

Important: With the exception of assisting your child with any technical difficulties, we are asking parents/guardians and others in the home to **refrain from assisting or coaching students with this tests**. The data we are looking to collect must be based upon the student's own knowledge and skills. Students must work independently to complete these tests. If your child is having difficulty answering a questions, they should follow the procedures that have been given to them by their teacher to select an answer and move to the next item.

We would also appreciate your assistance in creating a secure testing environment by:

- Providing a quiet space with limited interruptions where your child can work independently for about 60 minutes (typical testing time is between 45-55 minutes).
- Reminding your child that he/she is not permitted to search the internet or use other offline resources to help answer questions.
- Do not allow access to a calculator for Math, except on the Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II assessments.

Logistical information related to your child's taking the Link It! Benchmark Assessment:

- The test can be accessed from any device, including desktops, laptops, Chromebooks, tablets, or phones (not encouraged due to screen size) that are connected to the internet.
- If possible, your child should use the Google Chrome browser. If you don't currently use this browser, you can download it for free.
- Your child will log into test.linkit.com. Teachers will provide a test code and will be providing all the specific information needed.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Link It! Test Taking Guidance for Parents, Guardians and Students
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ON-Sb-MCVwELKcVOoSc9iO6MjivlfbwS/view>