

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Horizon Science Academy Families,

As you are well aware, state testing is an important and necessary part of the school year. At Horizon Science Academy, we strive to prepare your child for these state assessments. Throughout the year, your child is given an assessment called NWEA. This assessment not only helps prepare students for the state assessments (AIR), but also helps guide teacher instruction by providing data on student performance. One main data point that NWEA will show is student growth. Taken three times throughout the year, NWEA will be able to show just how much a student learns (grows) over the course of the school year.

At the beginning of the school year, Horizon Science Academy will give the NWEA and STAR assessments within the first two weeks. This fall assessment acts as a baseline for data and a guide to leading instruction for teachers. The school uses the data from this first assessment to understand where our students are academically, and how to meet the many different educational needs. Along with our rigorous curriculum and these assessments, our goal is that all students succeed and grow.

As we get closer to the dates for the state assessments, more information about these assessments will be provided, along with tips on how to help your child succeed. Together, school and family, we can work hard to meet our goals and see our students and school succeed.

For additional information you can go to the following websites:

Northwest Educational Assessment (NWEA) - www.nwea.org

Renaissance (STAR) <https://hosted51.renlearn.com/132156/>

FAQ for Ohio State Tests (AIR) - <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/FAQs-about-Ohio-State-Tests>

Assessment dates are on the backside of this letter.

We thank you for choosing Horizon Science Academy to be the school to educate your child and look forward to an exciting school year.

Sincerely,
Horizon Science Academy Administration

2019-2020 Local and State Assessment Dates

Fall NWEA/Social Studies DA/Electives DA:

- Aug. 15th and 16th – STAR Math and ELA
- Aug. 19th, 20th, and 21st – NWEA Science/Social Studies DA
- Aug. 22nd, 23rd, and 26th – NWEA ELA
- Aug. 27th, 28th, and 29th – NWEA Math
- Aug. 30th - Sept. 6th - Make Up Testing, as needed
- Aug. 13th - Sept.13th – 1st Semester Electives District Pre-Assessments (done during class time)

Winter NWEA/Electives DA:

No winter testing for NWEA Math or Reading

- Science will take winter NWEA

Continued progress monitoring through STAR and Freckle

Electives classes, other than Foreign Language, will have their End of Semester assessments

Social Studies may still take their winter DA

- Dec. 2nd thru Dec. 20th – 1st Semester Electives District Post-Assessments (done during class time for semester based electives only)
- Jan. 13th thru Jan. 17th – 2nd Semester Electives District Pre-Assessments (done during class time for semester based electives only)

OELPA (ELL) Testing (State test window Feb. 3rd – March 27th):

- Feb. 17th thru March 23rd – All Grades
 - Five weeks are blocked out for this test due to the length and potentially high number of students needing to take the test.

Spring ELA AIR Testing (State test window March 23rd – April 24th):

- April 14th thru April 24th – All Grades
 - With the school moving to a 1 to 1 Chromebook to student ratio, we will be able to test the whole school at one time. Therefore, we will push ELA testing to after spring break.
 - Specific AIR ELA date will be April 14th

Spring Math/Sci/SS AIR Testing (State test window March 30th – May 8th):

- April 27th thru May 8th – All Grades
 - With the school moving to a 1 to 1 Chromebook to student ratio, we will be able to test the whole school at one time.
 - Specific AIR Math date will be April 28th

Spring NWEA/Social Studies DA/Electives DA (Subject to Change):

- May 18th thru May 29th – All Grades NWEA/Social Studies DA
- May 4th thru May 29th – All Electives, including Foreign Language and ESL

**STAR Assessments will be given bi-monthly (Aug, Oct, Dec, Jan, March) between the fall and spring NWEA assessments.