



Unified School District of Marshfield

Madison Elementary School
Tiffany Scheer, *Principal*

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Wisconsin Students in Grades 3-8 & 10 will be participating in the Wisconsin Forward Exam assessment during the spring state testing window. State assessments, including the Forward Exam, are required by both State (Wis. Stat. § 118.30) and Federal ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Law. Participation in State assessments can help determine the impact the pandemic has had on academic achievement and equity. Equitable testing is important because clearly knowing the performance of all students is the first step in closing achievement gaps. We must know exactly which gaps exist, the size of the gaps, and the persistence of the gaps. Our school is scheduled to take the Wisconsin Forward Exam assessment on various dates this Spring. Please see the table at the bottom of this letter for specific grade level testing times.

We are taking every precaution to ensure a safe testing environment. We are following procedures recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Health Services (DHS) including social distancing, flexible schedules and the frequent sanitization of student spaces and equipment.

The Wisconsin Forward Exam assessment tests students in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. One or more subtests may be administered daily during the identified time frame. It is very important that your student be in school during this time. However, please make sure students are healthy before sending them to school and keep students home who are ill or have been exposed to COVID-19. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window.

The Wisconsin Forward Exam assessment measures the knowledge and skills your student(s) should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Their performance on the assessment will not affect any of their current grades. However, the scores on this assessment are what the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction uses to calculate school grades. This is the one chance we have as a school to show off what we know. Therefore, please encourage your student to take the test seriously and do the best they can. We know testing can be a stressful time, but we are confident that our students are prepared, and we know they will do their best.

Attached is an *Informational Brochure for Families* which gives more information about the assessment including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Scheer at 715-384-8181.

Grade 3 ELA Session 1 – 3/23 9:00 ELA Session 2 – 3/23 12:30 ELA Session 3 – 3/24 9:00 Math Session 1 – 3/24 12:30 Math Session 2 – 3/25 8:30	Grade 4 ELA Session 1 – 4/6 8:30 ELA Session 2 – 4/7 8:30 ELA Session 3 – 4/8 8:30 Math Session 1 – 4/13 1:00 Math Session 2 – 4/14 1:00	Science Session 1 – 3/23 8:30 Science Session 2 – 3/24 8:30 Science Session 3 – 3/25 8:30 Social Studies Session 1 – 4/13 8:30 Social Studies Session 2 – 4/14 8:30
Grade 5 ELA Session 1&2 - 3/23 8:30 ELA Session 3 – 3/24 8:30 Math Session 1 – 4/6 8:30 Math Session 2 – 4/7 8:30	Grade 6 ELA Session 1&2 3/23 6B: 10:00 6P: 11:00 ELA Session 3 3/24 6B: 10:10 6P: 9:00	Math Session 1 3/25 6B: 8:00 6P: 10:00 Math Session 2 4/6 6B: 8:00 6P: 10:00

Thank you,
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