



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As part of our efforts to increase communication, we would like to share with you our in-school testing calendar for ELA and math. This information is used at the school level to help make decisions regarding student assistance needs and progress towards standards. We use three (3) types of assessments throughout the year to help create a full profile of the student to create a system of support for them. Here is a brief overview of the assessment and the dates they are occurring.

Focused Interim Assessment Blocks (IAB) - The Focused IAB is given most consistently throughout the year. In traditional terms, it is a multiple choice quiz that students take to inform progress. These are typically between 8 and 12 questions and align to the topics being taught in the class. The Focused IAB is used to help with instructional grouping in the classroom, helps us see who needs to be assisted or pushed further based on their achievement.

- These results will be available in your child's PowerSchool as part of their in class grades.
- *Scheduled for 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/22, 12/13, 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, and 4/18.*

Interim Assessment Blocks - The IAB is typically given every 6 to 8 weeks and is aligned to the end of a unit of study. In traditional terms, this would be like the "big test" your teacher would give you before you moved to the next topic. These assessments include multiple choice and a written component (Short Essay or Explanation of Problem). These are used to gauge if the student needs to review some of the material during the next unit in order to prevent them from falling behind. Since these assessments are aligned to when a teacher has finished a content area, you will be notified of these through our Parent Notification App as well as through Instagram and Facebook.

- You will receive a separate email regarding how your child performed on the IAB.
- Notification to occur the week prior to exams

Edmentum Assessment - The Edmentum Assessment is given three times per year and provides information in various categories of ELA and math, and is most similar to the SBAC exam that students in grades 6-8 take at the end of the year. Traditionally, these would be considered the "practice test" to help teachers understand where a student needs assistance or advancement on the items measured by Connecticut State. Additionally, all students in grades 6-8 are scheduled for a class called, "Exact Path" which uses these results to customize a computer based learning experience for all students to develop their strengths and weaknesses.

- You will receive a separate email regarding you child's performance on this assessment.
- *Scheduled for 9/12-9/16, 1/9-1/13, 4/3-4/7.*

We thank you in advance for cooperation,

*Great Oaks Charter School*