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Subject: Release of the Iola ISD STAAR Testing Calendar for 2020-2021

Since Spring is upon us, we wanted to release this as soon as possible. Please keep these dates in mind as you are planning things this Spring. Due to COVID this year, we have been given an opportunity by TEA to spread out the assessments more than ever if we participated in an online format. We worked to create a schedule which allows our students to have more rest between their assessments instead of back-to-back days of testing.

There have been some misconceptions about STAAR testing this year that we have heard echoed by our students. It is correct that TEA has removed the District Accountability but it is important to understand that the accountability to the student has NOT disappeared. As a school district, we use the STAAR data to make district-wide decisions as well as individual decisions about your student's education. Teachers use the data to help drive instruction each year and to help with intervention strategies. For high school students, TEA has NOT removed the graduation requirements tied with successful completion of the 5 End-of-Course tests. These 5 tests must be passed in order to earn a diploma. If a student is unsuccessful, they will test in the Summer, Fall and Spring consecutively until the assessment is passed.

For these reasons, the STAAR testing does continue to impact your student! We would appreciate your support at home in reminding your students of the importance of still trying to do their best in demonstrating the knowledge they have learned all year long.

Thank you and have a wonderful Spring Break!

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Lindsey Harris
District Testing Coordinator/HS Counselor

Iola ISD STAAR Testing Calendar for 2020-2021

Elementary STAAR 3-8 Testing Schedule

Grade	Subject	Test Day	Test Format
3	Reading	Wednesday, May 19th	Online
3	Math	Friday, May 21st	Online
4	Writing	Tuesday, April 6th	Paper
4	Reading	Tuesday, May 11th	Online
4	Math	Thursday, May 13th	Online
5	Science	Wednesday, May 12th	Online
5	Reading	Tuesday, May 18th	Online
5	Math	Thursday, May 20th	Online
6	Math	Tuesday, May 11th	Online
6	Reading	Thursday, May 13th	Online

Secondary STAAR 3-8 Testing Schedule

Grade	Subject	Test Day	Test Format
7	Writing	Tuesday, May 4th	Online
7	Reading	Wednesday, May 12th	Online
7	Math	Friday, May 14th	Online
8	Social Studies	Tuesday, May 11th	Online
8	Science	Thursday, May 13th	Online
8	Reading	Tuesday, May 18th	Online
8	Math	Wednesday, May 19th	Online

Secondary STAAR End-of-Course Testing Schedule

EOC is offered based on the course your student is currently enrolled in or if your student is re-testing due to a previous unsuccessful EOC test. TEA requires that students pass all 5 EOC tests in order to earn a HS Diploma.

Subject	Test Day	Test Format
English I	Tuesday, May 4th	Online
US History	Wednesday, May 5th	Online
Biology	Thursday, May 6th	Online
English II	Thursday, May 6th	Online
Algebra I	Wednesday, May 12th	Online