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Mission Statement

The Staff and Students Will Develop the Knowledge, Skills, and Character Necessary for Current and Future Success

Vision Statement

To Be a Premier School District Known for Excellence in Education, Innovative Instruction, Outstanding Programs, and Dedication to Students.

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Students to Participate in State Assessments

By Rebecca Khosravipour, Director of Student Learning

It will soon be state assessment time in Valley Center! Beginning March 27, our students will be taking the Kansas State Assessments in reading, math and science. The number of assessments has been greatly reduced by the state. This year, students will participate in two sessions for math and English Language Arts. Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will also have two sessions of science.

These assessments will provide us with an additional view of how our students are continuing to progress as learners. The data we receive allows us to evaluate the overall strength of the learning opportunities we provide. From this information we are able to make necessary adjustments to our curriculum and instruction and identify areas to target for improvement.

Thank you for your continued support at home in encouraging your students to do their very best on these assessments. Please emphasize the importance of getting plenty of rest, having a positive attitude, reading and rereading questions to ensure understanding, and tackling every question with perseverance and a problem-solving mentality!

Spring 2017 State Assessment Schedule:	
March 28—March 31 • 7th/8th Grade English Language Arts (Middle School) • 10th Grade English Language Arts (High School)	**April 10-13** • 3rd/4th Grade Math (Abilene) • 3rd/4th Grade English Language Arts (Wheatland) • 3rd/4th Grade ELA & Math (West) • 5th/6th Grade Math (Intermediate School) • 7th Grade Math (Middle School)
April 3-7 • 3rd/4th Grade English Language Arts (Abilene) • 3rd/4th Grade English Language Arts (West) • 5th/6th Grade English Language Arts (Intermediate School) • 8th Grade English Language Arts & Science (Middle School) • 11th Grade Science (High School)	**April 17-21** • 3rd/4th Grade Math (West) • 3rd/4th Grade Math (Wheatland) • 5th Grade Science (Intermediate School) • 8th Grade Math (Middle School) • 10th Grade Math (High School)

New Proposed State Standards in Mathematics

Every seven years, the state of Kansas reviews the learning standards for each content area. This past year, a committee of parents, educators, and legislators have been diligently reviewing and making changes to the Kansas Mathematics Standards. These standards are currently out for public review, and we hope that many in our community will preview them and provide feedback to the state.

This link http://community.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=6151 will take you to the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics page on the KSDE website. By scrolling down to the "**Review Documents**" section, you will find **the first link which is a very helpful video** that will give you information on the proposed standards. The video explains the processes for writing and review utilized by the committee as well as the proposed changes to the standards. In addition, information is provided on how to navigate the standards document. Please take some time to watch this video to learn more about the newly proposed standards.

Should you wish to provide feedback on the proposed mathematics standards, **the second link in the "Review Documents" section will open the feedback form**. The deadline to provide feedback is March 15th.

The **actual draft of the standards is the third link** in the "Review Documents" section.

Thank you for taking time to review and provide input on these important learning standards.