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Highland students participate in grade or course-level, statewide, and national testing. Some tests are required once during their school careers (ex: the ACT), while others happen annually (ex: state testing) or a number of times during the year (ex: NWEA progress monitoring). All testing is intended to measure student progress, and our teachers and administrators apply this information to address student needs and evaluate the effectiveness of instructional practices.

Statewide and national testing also provides an overall picture of how our students are performing as they work to master Ohio's Learning Standards and nationally measured standards; this data provides the ability to compare our students with other Ohio students and districts as well as all students on a national level. Ohio's State Tests and the ACT are mandatory tests and impact the district's state report card, but more importantly these tests help teachers and administrators monitor student progress and evaluate classroom instruction.

The Assessment Calendar on the district Assessment website details the tests various grades take and when those assessments happen. The link on Highland's assessment website to the Ohio Department of Education's State Testing page also provides overall testing dates. Each building will communicate important testing dates with families.

We value the data gathered from these tests, so it is important that students take these assessments seriously. State and national tests are considered secure documents, so students are not to discuss test questions after testing. This is one of the most common test security violations, which may result in an invalid test score. Please review this with your student.

If you have any questions about testing, please contact your building principal or counselor, the Testing Coordinators, or the Director of Teaching and Learning. We value your student's growth and learning!

Sincerely,

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