



Letter Regarding NECAP Testing

Dear ASD Parents,

ASD students will participate in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will be tested in reading and mathematics on Thursday, October 10th and Friday, October 11th. On those same dates, students in grade 11 will be tested in reading, mathematics, and writing. Students in grade 8 will have additional NECAP testing in writing on Monday, October 21st. Monday is also a formal make up day for tests missed due to absences. **The daily schedule will change for ALL students during NECAPs.**

IMPORTANT - Schedule change for ALL students during NECAPs:

Because more than 75% of ASD students will be taking NECAPs, it is not feasible to have classes on Thursday, October 10th or Friday, October 11th. **Students in grades 9,10, and 12 will not have regular classes on those two days.** If you and your 9th, 10th, or 12th grader decide it is best not to attend, absences on those school days will be excused. Students in those grades attending school on NECAP days will be expected to be actively working on assignments and long term projects, and should come to school prepared to do so. They will be in an assigned location. Nashua Bus Transportation will run at the regular times. Students not riding buses may be dismissed at 2:45-3:25PM.

The NECAP tests were designed to measure your child's progress in meeting New Hampshire's Grade Level Expectations (GLEs). GLEs define the knowledge and skills a student should have mastered by the end of each school year. The grade 7 test, for example, will measure what a student should know and be able to do after completing sixth grade. The reading test includes short and long reading passages with related multiple choice and constructed response questions. The mathematics test includes multiple choice, short answer, and constructed response questions. The writing test includes multiple choice and constructed response questions and a single extended writing prompt. A constructed response question requires students to show their work and/or explain their reasoning. Test results for all students will be available at a later date.

Preparing for the NECAP

You can best help your child prepare for the assessment by making sure that he/she is well-rested the night before; as with every day, it is critical that students have a good breakfast before heading to school. Please have students come to school with #2 pencils and highlighters (if they so chose) to highlight portions of their test books only as needed.

It is also vital that students not be tardy during NECAP testing. Any student who arrives after the start of the test session will not be allowed to enter the testing room and will have to schedule a make-up session on Monday, October 21st. Additionally, please avoid making appointments for

your child during NECAP testing. If you already have an appointment scheduled during one of the testing sessions, your child will have to schedule a make-up session. All make-up testing must be completed before Tuesday, October 22nd.

All NECAP test sessions are designed to be completed in 45 minutes, however a total of 90 minutes is given. Please know that since each student works at their own pace, it is possible that your child will finish before the 90 minutes have elapsed. If that is the case, after *reviewing their work on that section only*, please encourage them to bring a book to read, or a journal to draw/write in, as electronic devices are not permitted in the testing environment.

Along those lines, please know that calculators are allowed only on *certain* math sections. For those sections, calculators typically used here at ASD are allowed. Devices and/or calculators with the following features are prohibited at all times: pocket organizers, handheld or laptop computers, electronic writing pads or pen-input devices, cellular phones or other wireless communication devices, and calculators with a QWERTY keyboard.

Testing Schedule

Arrival	8:15-8:30
Session 1	8:30 - 10:00
Break	10:00-10:15
Session 2	10:15 - 11:45
Advisories/Lunch	11:45 - 1:10
Session 3	1:15-2:45
Break	2:45-3:00
Homeroom	3:00-3:25

Monday, October 21st

Grade 8 - Writing Starting at 8:15-9:45
Make-up sessions scheduled as needed

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Guidance Department at 603.595.4705.

Sincerely,

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