



Newberry Middle School

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Kimberly Hamilton, Principal

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Dear Parents/ Guardians of Sixth Thru Eighth Grade Students,

The South Carolina Education Accountability Act, Title 59, Chapter 18 mandates a performance-based accountability system for public education. As a result of this, all students in grades 3-8 must be administered a summative assessment during the last thirty days of the school year. The assessment must also be administered using a computer-based format except for students with disabilities as specified in the student's IEP or 504 plan. The window for testing this year is from April 16- June 7, 2019.

Because the assessment is administered in an online, computer-based format, the dates of testing will vary by grade level and/or class. Please see the chart below to know when your student will be testing:

Grade Level	Test/Date/Time	Test/Date/Time	Test/Date/Time	Test/Date/Time
6 th grade	ELA Session 1 May 7, 2019 8am	ELA Session 2 May 8, 2019 8am	Math May 9, 2019 8am	Science May 10, 2019 8am
7 th grade	ELA Session 1 May 13, 2019 8am	ELA Session 2 May 14, 2019 8am	Math May 15, 2019 8am	Social Studies May 16, 2019 8am
8 th grade	ELA Session 1 May 20, 2019 8am	ELA Session 2 May 21, 2019 8am	Math May 22, 2019 8am	Science May 24, 2019 8am

The SCREADY and SCPASS assessments include a writing component that is a text dependent analysis, multiple choice items, and technology enhanced items (drag and drop, drop down menu, hot spot- click in an area, etc.).

Please mark these dates on your schedules. It is very important for students to arrive at school on time on these dates because all testing sessions are mandatory. Students who are absent on testing days will be required to make up the missed assessments. Additionally, students may not be in possession of any electronic devices that can be used for communicating, timing, creating images, or storing images- including cell phones, smart watches, etc. These devices will be collected by the school and returned after each testing session is complete.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 803-321-2640.

Sincerely,

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Curriculum Coordinator