



Knob Noster R-VIII School District

401 E. Wimer, Knob Noster, MO 65336
Office: (660) 563-3186 Fax: (660) 563-3026
Student Services: (660) 563-5597

Dr. Jerrod Wheeler, Superintendent

Mr. Michael Cohron, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Angela Rolofson, Director, Student Services

Proud Past – Bright Future

October 7, 2016

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-Level Assessments evaluate students' progress toward the Missouri Learning Standards. Grade-Level Assessments provide important information that contributes to decisions concerning individual students, groups of students, and educational programs. Assessments are given in the subject areas of Communication Arts (grades 3-8), Mathematics (grades 3-8) and Science (grades 5 and 8).

A policy statement, adopted by the Missouri State Board of Education, designated the purposes of the Missouri Assessment Program as:

- Improving students' acquisition of important knowledge, skills and competencies;
- Monitoring the performance of Missouri's education system;
- Empowering students and their families to improve their educational prospects; and
- Supporting the teaching and learning process.

The effectiveness of an assessment program depends on the wise choice of assessment methods, appropriate administration procedures and accurate interpretation of results.

The Grade-Level Assessments include multiple types of questions or items:

- **Selected Response (also known as multiple choice)** items are composed of a question followed by a series of possible responses. Students must select the correct response or responses.
- **Constructed Response or Short Text** items require students to supply an appropriate response rather than making a selection from a list of choices.
- **Performance Tasks/Events** allow students to work through more complicated items using real-world scenarios.
- **Technology Enhanced** items make use of technology in the presentation of the item, the ways in which students respond, or both. For example, students might listen to a story and then drag and drop labels into a diagram, or click on specific parts of a text to provide a response.

Your child's Individual Student Report (ISR), includes an Achievement Level, which will describe his or her performance as Below Basic, Basic, Proficient, or Advanced. The report will also include a short description of the knowledge and skills that are typically demonstrated by students in each Achievement Level.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) publishes a *Guide to Interpreting Results (GIR)* that provides additional details about the content of the Individual Student Reports. The GIR is available on the DESE website at:

<http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/assessment/grade-level>

This year your students Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be distributed at your students parent teacher conferences. KNE, WE, and KNMS Parent Teacher Conferences will be held October 25 and 27 from 3:30-7:30 and the KNHS Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 26 from 2:00-7:30. If you are unable to make it to the Parent Teacher Conferences you may pick up your students (ISR) from their buildings office. Remaining ISRs will be mailed to the home address we have on file in our Student Information System.

Sincerely,

Michael Cohron
Assistant Superintendent
Knob Noster R-VIII School District
mcohron@knobnoster.k12.mo.us
(660) 563-3186

Proudly Serving Knob Noster And Whiteman Air Force Base In Partnership With:

