

HAWTHORN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Hawthorn District 73 Parent(s) and Guardian(s)

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the fall weather! As you know, our students participate in a variety of assessments throughout the school year. These assessments allow us to gather additional information about our students' strengths and areas for growth, as well as track their progress. Enclosed are a number of district-wide assessment reports for your child. Note that different students participate in different assessment measures, depending on their grade level. For your convenience, a summary of each assessment and the grade levels of participating students are provided below. Our Hawthorn District #73 Assessment Guide, which provides more detailed information about each assessment, is posted on our website for your review at www.hawthorn73.org/curriculum/assessments.

FastBridge earlyReading and earlyMath (a report is enclosed for current kindergarten and 1st grade students)

The earlyReading and earlyMath assessment measures are administered to all kindergarten and first grade students in the fall, winter, and spring. The assessments are designed to measure and monitor the development of students' reading and basic math skills. These assessments replace the AIMSweb Early Literacy and Numeracy assessments used in previous years, as they provide us with additional tools and reporting options, including Spanish language materials.

NWEA MAP Growth (a report is enclosed for current 1st - 8th grade students)

The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP Growth) assessment is administered to all first through eighth grade students in the fall, winter, and spring. Kindergarten students participate in the spring testing session. The assessment is aligned with the Common Core State Standards, and is designed to measure both your child's achievement and progress in reading and math. Please visit <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit> to access additional information.

PARCC (a report is enclosed for current 4th - 8th grade students)

The PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career) assessment is administered in the spring to all third through eighth grade students. The assessment is aligned with the Common Core State Standards in English language arts and math, and designed to measure students' proficiency in meeting these standards. PARCC is required by the State of Illinois, and results are shared with schools each fall. Please visit <https://parcc-assessment.org> and click on the "Resources" tab for additional information.

Illinois Science Assessment (a report is enclosed for current 6th grade students)

The Illinois Science Assessment is administered in the spring to all fifth and eighth grade students. The assessment is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, and designed to measure students' proficiency in meeting these standards. The Illinois Science Assessment is required by the State of Illinois, and results are shared with us each fall.

Each of the above assessments is only one indication of how well your child is performing academically. We encourage you to consider your child's progress in daily learning activities, special projects, and classroom-based assessment measures to develop a more complete picture of your child's academic skills. In addition, Hawthorn District #73 strongly values the growth and development of the whole child. Student attendance, participation in athletics and other extracurricular programs, involvement in the fine and performing arts, service-learning efforts, and other positive contributions to our school and district community are all essential components of your child's learning in District #73.

If you have any questions regarding your child's assessment report, please connect with your child's teacher or building administrator. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting the growth and learning of all students!

Sincerely,



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