

August 2015

Dear Arapaho-Butler Parent/Guardian,

Due to State and Federal legislation, testing requirements placed on Oklahoma schools and students continue to increase. With these mandates, pressure and accountability increase as well. The purpose of this letter is to ensure you as parents/guardians are informed as to the impact the current testing program may have on your student.

Seventh and eighth grade students will take Oklahoma's criterion-referenced test in the core academic areas in the spring of 2013. Students who do not score "satisfactory" or "advanced" in any academic area must be offered remediation. Students who require remediation may be required to come early or stay after school to receive it. Also keep in mind that in order for students to receive a driver's license they must also score "satisfactory" or "advanced" in reading. The Highway Patrol requires the school sign an official form stating that the student being tested is reading proficient in order to receive a license.

Ninth through twelfth grade students will be taking End of Instruction Exams in Algebra 1, Biology 1, U.S. History, English 2, Geometry, Algebra 2, and English 3. Scores from tests will be documented on transcripts. Beginning with the graduating class of 2011-2012, students must pass four of the seven EOI tests to graduate from high school. Two of the four tests, which must be passed, will be Algebra 1 and English 2.

With these requirements in mind, there are several things you as parents can do to help ensure your student's chance for success on these tests as well as success in their classes this year.

1. Check regularly with your student and their teachers to see that homework is being completed and turned in on time.
2. Keep avoidable absences to a minimum and encourage your student to seek extra individual help from their teachers when they have missed class. This ensures that students understand the concepts taught during the absence.
3. Help students study for regular classroom tests throughout the year.
4. Do all YOU can to see that students are well rested when they arrive at school and have needed supplies and books for class.
5. Show your support of the Arapaho-Butler Public Schools and its teachers. When students hear your support and positive attitude toward education, it rubs off!!

As parents, teachers and administrators we all have the same goal.....
Providing a top education for each of our students. Let's work together to make this year outstanding. Thanks in advance for your support and help in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Arapaho-Butler Public Schools

I have read and do understand the testing requirements for my student
As well as what I need to do to help ensure my student's success.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Student's Name _____

Date _____