

Dear Tecumseh Parents and Guardians,

We have arrived at the time of year when our students take a series of important standardized tests. This year the testing period will begin after spring break. The tests are designed to help students understand their readiness to succeed at future goals and what career paths fit their abilities and interests. In addition, these tests measure our district against others in the county and state. We are proud of Tecumseh students and their strong performance each year.

Freshmen

April 9th- Taking the PSAT 8/9
April 10th- Normal Day
April 16th and 17th-(FLEX, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1)

Sophomores

April 9th- Normal Day
April 10th- Taking the PSAT 10
April 16th and 17th-(FLEX, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1)

Juniors

April 9th- Taking the SAT (Students will report to the cafeteria at 7:45 a.m., where THS will be providing breakfast)
*Students may leave when the test is complete, by following normal check-out procedures (test will end roughly around 1:30). All students remaining at school will report to the cafeteria for homework/study time.
April 10th- Taking the WorkKeys (Juniors will report to lunch when the test is complete.)
April 16th & April 17th-Taking M-Step Social Studies & Science (Juniors will report to class when the test is complete)
****Juniors will need a charged Chromebook for testing on these days.**

Seniors

April 9th-Normal Day
April 10th-NO SCHOOL (TECH Center students may attend, but you will need to provide your own transportation.)
April 16th and 17th-(FLEX, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1)

It is imperative that all students be present and on time for their tests. Please do not schedule any appointments on these days. School will begin as usual at 7:45 a.m. for all students; morning bus routes and times will be the same as on a normal day. When testing, students should report directly to their testing room. Room assignments will be posted around the school the week of March 25th.

All test takers will need:

- Picture ID (examples: School ID, Driver's License, Work ID, State ID)
- Non-mechanical No. 2 Pencils (sharpened and ready to go, with a few extra for backup)
- Approved Calculator (see back of sheet for details)
- Snacks and water (Most important for Juniors; the SAT is a long test)
- Juniors will need a charged Chromebook (M-Step days only: April 16th and April 17th)

ALL CELLPHONES/SMART WATCHES are NOT allowed in the testing room. **If a phone/watch goes off in the middle of the test, everyone's test in that testing room will be voided.** Students are not allowed to check their phone/watch on breaks. **If a student is caught with a phone/watch, their test will be voided, per the test guidelines.** We recommend students leave their smart devices at home or in their car during the testing days.

You are a very important and powerful influence on your child. By working together, we can make your child's test experience positive and successful. Here are some suggestions that you can do to help your student:

- Make sure they get a good night's rest
- Encourage your child to eat breakfast
- Make sure they arrive with plenty of time to get to the testing location
- Gently encourage your student to do their **VERY** best

We will have an informational meeting regarding these tests on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30p.m. in the High School Media Center. We hope to see you there.

Tecumseh students have always performed well on all state standardized tests and we plan to continue this tradition.

Respectfully Yours,



Mr. Griff Mills
Tecumseh High School Principal

SPRING TESTING

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

Before the test:

- Get plenty of rest
- Wear comfortable clothing
- Bring layers (sweatshirt, jacket, etc.)
- Come prepared
- Double check rosters for room assignments
- Stay positive. You've got this!

During the test:

- Pace yourself
- Use every second
- Don't leave any bubbles blank
- Eliminate choices you know are incorrect before guessing
- Scan the questions before reading sections
- Use text coding on reading passages
- Double check your answers

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Two sharpened No. 2 pencils
*Non-mechanical
- Photo I.D.
- Approved calculator
- Snack and water
- Charged Chromebook (Juniors-M-Step days ONLY)
- DO NOT BRING YOUR CELL PHONE/SMART WATCH

WHAT DOES MY SCORE MEAN?

A perfect score = 1600

Math = 800

(Calculator & Non-Calculator Sections)

English = 800

(Evidence-Based Reading & Writing)

APPROVED CALCULATORS

Casio	CFX-9900 series	HP	Sharp	Texas Instruments
FX-6000 series	CFX-9850 series	HP-30G	EL-5200	TI-73
FX-6200 series	CFX-9850 series	HP-28 series	EL-9200 series	TI-60
FX-6300 series	CFX-9850 series	HP-38G	EL-9300 series	TI-81
FX-6500 series	CFX-9870 series	HP-33 series	EL-9600 series*	TI-82
FX-7000 series	FX 1.0 series	HP-40 series	EL-9900 series	TI-83/TI-83 Plus
FX-7300 series	Algebra FX 2.0 series	HP-41 series		TI-83 Plus Silver
FX-7400 series	FX-CG-10 (PRIZM)	HP-49 series	Other	TI-84 Plus
FX-7500 series	FX-CG-20 series	HP-50 series	Datexx DG-683	TI-84 Plus CE
FX-7700 series	FX-CG-500*	HP Prime	Micromata	TI-84 Plus Silver
FX-7800 series	Graph25 series		Smart?	TI-84 Plus C Silver
FX-8000 series	Graph35 series			TI-85
FX-8500 series	Graph75 series	Radio Shack		TI-86
FX-8700 series	Graph95 series	EC-4033		TI-89
FX-8800 series	Graph100 series	EC-4034		TI-89 Titanium
FX-8700 series		EC-4037		TI-Nspire
FX-9750 series				TI-Nspire CAS
FX-9900 series				TI-Nspire CM-C
				TI-Nspire CM-C CAS
				TI-Nspire CX
				TI-Nspire CX CAS
				TI-Nspire CX-C CAS

*The use of the stylus is not permitted.

Success DOES NOT LIE IN results BUT IN efforts. BEING THE BEST IS NOT SO IMPORTANT.

Doing your best IS WHAT MATTERS.