

Bloomington School District

Bloomington, New Jersey

February 27, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The New Jersey Department of Education requires the testing of all English Language Learners using an annual state-mandated assessment. During the week of March 9th, our English Language Learners in grades K through 8 will take the Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS).

Students will be tested for English language skills with a focus on speaking, listening, reading and writing. This test helps both parents and schools see how well we are helping students meet standards in acquiring English. This test will be done on the computer for grades 1-6, with the exception of writing in grades 1-3, which is paper-based. Kindergarten will be paper-based and administered one-on-one. Your child's English as a Second Language teacher, Ms. Martini, will administer the test to your child.

The most important thing that you can do for your child during testing is to make sure that he/she comes to school on the days they have tests.

- **Kindergarten through 8th grade will be testing the week of March 9 – March 13, 2020.**

In addition to attendance, your child will do his/her best on the tests if they:

- take the tests seriously and give his or her best effort
- get to bed early the night before to be well-rested on the day of the test
- have a good breakfast on the morning of the test
- come to school on time

The test results will be available to all New Jersey school districts in the Fall of 2020. A copy of your child's individual test scores will be sent home to you when they are received. Thank you for supporting your child during this testing. Please call or e-mail if you have any questions. Khusser@bloomingtonschools.org (973) 838-1311

Sincerely,

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