

NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

SPRING 2018 TESTING PREPARATIONS



District & school leaders have collaborated to plan and provide targeted activities for students to help them master content to prepare them for state testing. Even though many of our students still score below grade level, we have focused on student growth & targeting interventions to meet their individual academic needs.

Testing Preparation Expectations

District leaders developed the following procedures & expectations regarding preparations each school needed to plan & implement to help our students to be more successful on testing:

- All schools are expected to implement, monitor, & analyze the following assessments throughout the year:
 - Common Unit Assessments in all grades & core subject areas (ELA/Writing, Math, Science, & Social Studies)
 - MAP/CERT
 - District Learning Checks in all grades & core subject areas

Following the administration of each assessment, school leaders & staff are expected to analyze the data & plan interventions for students that need additional instruction, especially when they have not been successful on the Essential Standards identified.

- District Curriculum Leaders collaborate with the Instructional Coaches to ensure the Learning Checks are aligned to the Essential Standards & are modeled after the testing blueprints
- District Curriculum Leaders hold data meetings with School Admin Teams to monitor the analysis of all assessment data from their building & to monitor student growth throughout the year
- The District Assessment Coordinator meets on a regular basis with the Building Assessment Coordinators to provide any needed training, assist in testing plans for each building, & to monitor each building's assessment implementation procedures.

Testing Preparations

The following chart contains testing preparations that were provided by school leaders in each school:

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Specific Newport Primary School Preparations

- Assessing essential standards weekly and regrouping students to address students' areas of need in reading and math.
- We are running our district learning checks like a K-Prep test. Building wide, all students will test in the same content area on the same day. This cumulative assessment will include content from the beginning of the year and will be timed.
- Modeled our good effort rubric after Intermediate School to ensure we are preparing our 2nd graders for the 3rd grade K-Prep test.
- Emphasizing growth on the MAP assessment and not just an increase in RIT score.
- Identified focus students and continue to monitor their achievement and provide appropriate interventions.

Specific Newport Intermediate School Preparations

- During District Learning Checks, students were tested in the room and with the proctor they will be testing with during KPREP. Students were surveyed asking them to choose who they felt most connected with and they were placed with one of their top two choices.
 - District Learning Checks follow the KPREP protocol
- All 5th grade students participated in our On-Demand Writing Boot camp where students were instructed on the On-Demand process.
- Teachers and students have been trained on testing strategies and testing tips. These strategies and tips are used with all assessments given.
- Building wide Extended Response Questions and On-Demand scrimmages every Friday, the student's work is analyzed during PLCs to determine next steps.
- Reward system in place for Good Faith Effort and utilized during all testing windows
- Focus Students were identified and monitored throughout the year on their progress and growth.
- Essential Standards focus through intervention to support students in Essential Standards mastery.
- All data has been triangulated by both staff and administration throughout the year to ensure student needs are being met and to check for growth.
 - KPREP
 - MAP
 - Essential Standards
- Strong push for attendance throughout the school year.
- A strong push on developing a testing culture began this year and will be continuously strengthened over the course of the following school years.
- Students all received classroom counseling lessons on perseverance and pushing through.
- Students lacking 'will' were identified and placed in small groups meeting with the school psychologist weekly to help them learn strategies and build confidence.
- All staff was assigned a student to mentor weekly. Discussions are to include pushing through, giving best effort, breaking down barriers, etc.
- Spirit Week and Testing Pep Rally have been planned to create excitement amongst students and staff.
- All students receive letters of encouragement from their previous year teachers.
- Requested carb free breakfast on testing days. Breakfast will be protein based.
- Video and All calls were made to inform parents of testing dates and strategies that can be used at home to help prepare their child(ren) for testing.

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Specific Newport High School Preparations

- Learning Checks were given in all grades & core subject areas. Use of Common Assessment Team Protocol to review assessments and make changes.
- On-Demand Writing Bootcamp planning and implementation began after Spring Break. Students were divided according to On-Demand Learning Check Baseline Data.
- Torch Prep, ACT Interventions were provided for Juniors and Seniors
 - Torch Prep workbooks were utilized during the interventions.
- Rtl efforts focused on Essential Standards Interventions based on Content Mastery, and ACT Interventions based on Learning Check/Torch Prep Assessments.
- MAP testing data was utilized to determine focus students for Growth.
- A Reward system was set up for best effort on Learning Checks, MAP, and ACT.
- Data breakdown & analysis of focus students.
- Data breakdown of GAP population.
- Faculty participation in breakdown of previous years scores for better understanding and ownership.
- CERT testing and data breakdown for seniors for ACT.
- KOSSA testing groups were formed in PAWS classes, or interventions classes.
- KOSSA standards were reviewed and included in Learning Checks.

May 2018 KPREP Testing Schedule

- KPREP Testing must occur during a 5-day window of the last fourteen instructional days of the school year.
- This year, all of our schools will be conducting KPREP testing on the following days:
 - KPREP Testing Day 1: May 16
 - KPREP Testing Day 2: May 17
 - KPREP Testing Day 3: May 18
 - KPREP Testing Day 4: May 21
 - KPREP Testing Day 5: May 23