Dear Parent or Guardian,

Central Kitsap School District will be administering the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) and the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) twice this year as the spring 2021 tests were postponed until fall of 2021. The fall Smarter Balanced ELA and math will be administered in grades 4–9 and 11. The WCAS will be administered in grades 6, 9, and 12. The fall 2021 tests will be reflective of the grade students were in during the 2020-21 school year and will occur at your child’s school at a scheduled time during October 4- November 10th.

For Example:
- A student enrolled in grade 4 in fall 2021 will take the grade 3 Smarter Balanced assessments.
- A student enrolled in grade 9 in fall 2021 will take the grade 8 Smarter Balanced assessments and WCAS.

These tests are designed to be shorter and completed in one sitting. Ideally students will spend no longer than 75 minutes on any one test.

Central Kitsap School District recommends our students take our state and federal assessments to gather student achievement data, comply with our state and federal mandates and to plan for appropriate professional development for staff and academic programming and services for students. You can best support your child by making sure your child gets a good night’s sleep and eats a healthy breakfast, make sure your child is prepared for the school day and remain positive. If you have concerns about the test or testing situation, please contact your child’s teacher or school.

Our spring 2022 assessments will be administered to students according to their enrolled grade level. We will be sending out spring assessment information as we get closer to the assessment window.

Please feel free to contact your child’s school for any further information.

Thank you,

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