



March 29, 2021,

Dear EHPS Families,

I am writing to you to outline our plan for state testing this spring. Students in Connecticut will be required to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts and Mathematics (grades 3-8) and the Next Generation Science Assessment (grades 5, 8 and 11). All assessments will be administered online. If your child is enrolled in our Remote Learning Experience (RLE) Program, he/she will be able to take any required tests from home. Please note that his/her camera must be on while taking the test for the purposes of test security.

Regardless of whether your child has been an In-Person Learner (IPL) or an RLE student this year, I want to assure you that the staff has approached teaching the children of East Hartford with an unparalleled focus and commitment, despite the challenges faced during this pandemic. Our staff has delivered the curriculum using new technology and have learned several new ways to engage students with it. Each student has also taken online practice assessments so that they are familiar with the format of the test, tools, and test item types. EHPS will utilize the results to make adjustments for the next academic school year.

The state assessments are scheduled to take place between the end of April and early June. Each school will communicate a specific daily testing schedule as we get closer to the testing dates. We appreciate your partnership in ensuring that your child is well-rested and is prepared to give his/her best effort. If you have any specific questions about the state tests, please don't hesitate to contact your child's school principal. Alternatively, parents of elementary school students can reach out to the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools, Elsie Torres at [torres.em@easthartford.org](mailto:torres.em@easthartford.org) and those of middle and high school students can contact the Deputy Superintendent for Secondary Schools, Anne Marie Mancini at [mancini.am@easthartford.org](mailto:mancini.am@easthartford.org).

Sincerely,

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