

January 13, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Wake County Public School System's Vision 2020 Strategic Plan is focused on graduating students who are ready to be successful in college, in the workforce, and as productive citizens in our communities. To meet that goal, we know students must develop their knowledge in reading, mathematics, science, and other subjects. Knowing how our students are developing in these key areas will help us create learning experiences that better prepare them for their futures.

To assess our students' progress specifically in English/Language Arts and Mathematics, students in grades 3-8 will participate in a mid-year "benchmark" assessment in the next few weeks (January 13 - February 24). These assessments will provide teachers with valuable information about where students are in their learning journey at the halfway point of the year. They will then be able to use this information, along with the classwork students have been producing all year long, to determine the areas in which students might benefit from some extra support or enrichment between now and June.

Students who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Educational Plan, or Section 504 Plan will also participate in these assessments. If you have questions concerning your student's accommodations, please contact your child's teacher.

Participation in the mid-year benchmark assessments will not impact your student's report card grades or academic standing in any way. The results will be used by your child's teacher(s) to help evaluate how well they are preparing all students to be successful for the remainder of this year and into next year.

More information about these mid-year benchmark assessments can be found on the WCPSS website at www.wcpss.net/domain/2340. You may contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Sindors
Principal

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