

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

South High School

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Dear Families,

With the spring weather comes Spring State Testing time. In addition to our students in regular attendance, we are also happy to host *CCP and BTS students* whose homeschool is **South High School**.

This year, North and South High are running a <u>DELAYED START</u> to school, so test takers can focus on testing without missing class. South HS will be open at our regular times, but students who are not scheduled to test do not have class <u>until 9:45 on the testing dates</u>, and therefore are not expected to attend until that time. Buses will run on their regular schedule, so students who need to ride a bus to get to school can come at the normal time and will have an extended study hall period until testing is completed (9:40 AM).

The 7 testing dates are April 10, April 12, April 17, April 19, April 24, April 26 and May 1.

Breakfast will be served from 6:50-7:40AM daily. Students should **arrive in their testing rooms by 7:45AM**. Testing locations for students will be posted on rolling whiteboards near the entrance and around the Cafeteria.

Special Testing: 2-hour Delay Start Schedule (Buses are normal schedule)			
Building Open/Breakfast	6:50-7:40	50 minutes	
Warning Bell	7:40		
Testing	7:45-9:40	115 minutes	
Homeroom + AM announcements	9:45-9:50	5 minutes	
1st Period	9:50-10:14	24 minutes	
2nd Period	10:18-10:42	24 minutes	
3rd Period	10:46-11:10	24 minutes	
4th Period (Lunch per.)	11:14-11:54	40 minutes	
5th Period (Lunch per.)	11:58-12:38	40 minutes	
6th Period (Lunch per.)	12:42-1:22	40 minutes	
7th Period	1:26-1:50	24 minutes	
8th Period + PM announcements	1:54-2:20	26 minutes	

Please note, the following classes with similar names **DO NOT TEST**:

- AP Biology
- Algebra II, Algebra 2, or College Algebra
- World History

Timeline	If a Student is enrolled in	The State test(s) will be on	
April 10th & 12th	English II or English 2 Part I and Part II given separately	ELA II Part 1 Apr 10, 2024 ELA II Part 2 Apr 12, 2024 Students MUST attend both days	
April 17th	Biology Both parts given in same day	Biology Part I & Part II consecutively Apr 17, 2024	
April 19th	US History Both parts given in same day	US History Part I & Part II consecutively Apr 19, 2024	
	Government Both parts given in same day	Government Part I & Part II consecutively Apr 19, 2024	
April 24th & 26th	Algebra I or Algebra 1 Part I and Part II given separately	Algebra I Part 1 Apr 24, 2024 Algebra I Part 2 Apr 28, 2024 Students MUST attend both days	
May 1st	Geometry Both parts given in same day	Geometry Part I & Part II consecutively May 1, 2024	
	MAKE-UP Tests for anyone who missed Algebra I, US History, or Biology can be done on May 1st as well		

^{**}Please note there will be no special bell schedule on additional retake/make-up days. Students will miss class if completing a test on a retake/make-up day outside of the above dates.

Each test has 2 parts. ELA and Algebra are tested over two days. All other tests are being offered to complete on one day only.

On your test day, please bring your District Assigned Chromebook. You may choose to bring writing utensils and a calculator if appropriate. Over the ear headphones will be provided, or you may bring your own **plug-in headphones** for read-aloud on all tests except ELA. Over the ear headphones may also be worn simply for noise reduction on all tests. **Bluetooth headphones and personal devices are not allowed.**

If you have any questions about the tests you are scheduled to take, please contact your School Counselor:

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Last Names H-O	Mrs. Celeste Duffy	440-975-3624 celeste.duffy@weschools.org
Last Names P-Z	Ms. Virginia Joyce	440-975-3657 virginia.joyce@weschools.org

^{**}Special accommodations per a student's IEP or 504 plan are always honored and communicated to the student separately from this general notice.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What if I already took the Government state test in December?

A: Students are only required to take the test one time. If the student wants to use it towards a Citizenship graduation seal, they must earn a 700 or more. Students who earned a 700 or more will not be scheduled to take the test again. Students who missed the test in December and anyone who did not earn a 700 or more will be scheduled to retake the test this time.

Q: What if I have TECC/CCP in the morning?

A: You will be able to take your test(s) either: in the morning at the regular testing time by skipping your program, or during the retake times. Please allot yourself enough time to complete the test(s). Once a part of a test is opened, it must be completed in the same day.

Q: What if I have 2 tests to take on the same day?

(What if I'm currently taking Government and US History?)

A: Students who are enrolled in both of the subjects scheduled for the same day will prioritize taking the US History test first

You will then have the choice whether to complete "Part I" or "Part II" of the other, double-booked test on the same day OR complete the other test during another testing morning such as May 1st when Geometry is the only test happening.

Q: What if I don't have my own graphing calculator?

A: The state test provides the Desmos graphing calculator within the testing platform. Also, buildings will supply students with the yellow graphing calculators, as needed.

Q: What if my chromebook is dead, broken, or I forget?

A: The schools will have a number of loaner devices. Please do your absolute best to prepare for the testing dates and make arrangements in advance to arrive with your needed materials. In the event that too many students arrive without school-issued devices, some may need to postpone their testing until a device becomes available.

Q: What if my student goes to school off campus or has special scheduling needs?

A: Please inform your teachers, program coordinators, employers, etc. if you need to arrange an absence with them to take your State Test. See below:

Students coming in from off-campus programs (BTS, CCP, etc.):

Individual Testing Time Varies- Please allow enough time when planning your transportation to complete each test from the start time.

- ELA II allows for up to 2 hours per Part
- All other tests allow for up to 90 minutes per Part, for a total of up to 3 hours per test when taken consecutively.
- As a general rule, we will take a break after the allotted 115 minutes of testing time built into the schedule has passed, and release students who are finished at that time.
 - Testing would then resume for anyone needing more time in an extended time testing location.
 - We will not release students earlier than the break time (9:40AM).
 - Students will be able to wait in a comfortable location and contact their rides when they
 are finished with testing if they are part of an off-campus program.

Q: What if there is a snow/calamity day on one of the testing dates?

A: The test that was supposed to be taken will be moved to the next available school day and become a delayed start testing day.

Q: Can students take the bus to school, but then go off campus until school starts?

A: No, once a student is on a school bus they are technically at school. No student is to leave campus without permission once they arrive at school.

Q: When will attendance be taken?

A: Daily attendance for school will be taken during the Homeroom time at 9:45. Attendance calls on testing days will not go out until much later than normal. Attendance for testing, on-time, is encouraged. Students arriving to test after a certain point may be directed to a different testing location in order to avoid disrupting the other testing students.

Q: My student has to take the bus to school. What will their mornings look like?

A: Students will be provided with a study hall environment at a minimum. As we get closer to the dates and the weather can be monitored, other activities may be considered.

Q: The bell schedule means my student will miss a class due to mid-day transportation. (The bell schedule means my student will have down time before leaving for mid-day transportation)

A: This already happens on occasion with other bell schedules we run (Pep-Rallys, Scheduling Day, PBIS and SOS special schedules). Because the mid-day gap/overlap will occur during lunch periods, those students can stay in lunch for the extra time, or arrive and have lunch a bit late, as needed. This group is accustomed to being flexible to get to/from their programs and because the transportation will not change, it will only impact their classes at the High School. They will be able to attend their entire, half-day program.