



## EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### **\*\*\*FOR 4 DAY FAMILIES ONLY\*\*\***

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

East Allegheny will be administering the Keystone Exams for Algebra I, Biology and Literature during the month of May for 4 day students, as the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) recently announced that federal assessments will not be waived for the 2020-2021 school year.

Following that announcement, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) indicated that schools will have flexibility as to when testing may occur, and schools could delay until as late as September of 2021. East Allegheny School District believes that testing students at the end of the school year, rather than over the summer or in the fall, provides our students with the best opportunity to be successful on their required exams.

We understand that the pandemic has created incredibly challenging circumstances for so many of our families, and we regret that high stakes testing during this time may add to the burden felt by our community. We acknowledge the exceptionally difficult conditions under which students will be testing, but we are required to adhere to state and federal mandates.

Please emphasize the importance of your child attending school on these dates and bringing their charged Chromebooks (with chargers), as testing will occur online. It is also very important that students are well rested and provided a healthy breakfast prior to testing. As a reminder, breakfast is available every day to all EA students at no cost.

### **4 DAY STUDENT ASSESSMENT DATES**

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Dates</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Algebra 1	May 17 & 18
9 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Biology	May 20 & 21
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>	Literature	May 24 & 25

All enrolled in Algebra I, Biology or Literature will take the corresponding Keystone Exam. On those testing dates, assessments will be administered during the first two periods of the day.

A letter explaining the cell phone policy as well as a copy of the "Information for Parents or Guardians" flyer provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education is included. If you have any questions, please contact your child's School Counselor at 412-824-9700.

Balancing the requirements of USDE and PDE against what our District believes to be in the best interest of students has been and continues to be very difficult. We appreciate the continued support and collaboration of students, families and staff as we work together to serve the East Allegheny community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Mac Fann".

Don Mac Fann,  
Principal