CERT Parent Information

Dear Parent,

Your child will be completing or has completed an in-school assessment using CERT, the College Equipped Readiness Tool. The assessment, which is aligned with the SAT College and Career Readiness Standards, was designed to measure your child's proficiency in Reading/Writing and Mathematics. Below is information intended to help you better understand the results of this assessment and any previous assessments.

What are the SAT College and Career Readiness Standards?
The SAT College and Career Readiness Standards (the "Standards") are the backbone of the SAT test, a test used by many colleges and universities to gauge the academic readiness of applicants. The Standards include the essential skills and knowledge that students will need to be college and career ready. While your child will not likely take an official SAT until 11th grade, we thought you would want to know how your child is performing now, while there is still time to change things, if necessary.

How does CERT work?
Up to three times per school year, your child will take an SAT-like assessment through CERT. The results help us determine your child's strengths and weaknesses with regard to the Standards in Reading/Writing and Mathematics. With CERT's detailed assessment reports, we are able to provide the help and remediation your child needs as an individual. As a bonus, CERT offers teacher-controlled access to educational videos that explain answers, review important subject matter, and offer sensible test-taking advice. (Your child can access this video functionality at https://certforschools.com/). We highly encourage your child to use this free online resource.

<u>Understanding Your Child's Course Report</u>
Each student can see their scores in their CERT app Homeroom tab and how their scores compare to their peers. These results provide, among other things, a score in each of the subject areas tested. To understand how your child currently stacks up against the Standards, you should compare your child's score to the benchmark scores (see below) in each of the assessed areas. The Benchmarks represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher, or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher, in a corresponding credit-bearing first-year college course. Their reports also include an estimated SAT composite range to help you predict how well your child is likely to do on the "real" SAT in 11th grade. Kentucky has established state benchmarks for post secondary readiness, known as Academic Readiness Indicator benchmarks, seen in the middle table. The image to the right has a list of options to help students practice and improve their score.

SAT Suite Benchmarks by Grade Level

The Values of the College and Career Readiness Benchmarks
Across the SAT Suite of Assessments, the benchmark scores* are as follows:

Assessment – Grade Level	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Benchmark	Math Benchmark
SAT	480	530
Grade 11	460	510
Grade 10	430	480
Grade 9	410	450
Grade 8	390	430

*Once students who have taken the redesigned SAT have entered college and earned course grades in the relevant subjects in 2017 an additional benchmark study will be conducted.

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Area	SAT
English (Writing)	490*
Reading	490*
Math (Quantitative Reasoning)	510

The **Exam Room** allows students to review their assessments and watch videos from an expert tutor on each and every question they missed or skipped.

The **Study Hall** gives students an opportunity to review the underlying lessons for the material on the assessments and see how performed in a specific area.

The **Course Report** allows students to download their own Course Report for each assessment, if they have completed at least one section of that assessment.

The **College Readiness Standards Report** allows students to download their own College Readiness Standards Report for each assessment, if they have completed at least one section of that assessment.

PLEASE NOTE:
Students can only access sections and subjects they have completed.