



Spring 2024

Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

As a part of Wisconsin's required statewide testing program, students in grades 3-8 and grade 10 will be participating in the Forward Exam this spring. The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that measures a student's knowledge and skills in the areas of English language arts (ELA), mathematics, social studies, and science. Our school is scheduled to administer the Forward Exam beginning the week of March 18, 2024.

Please find important details regarding the testing timeline below.

Elementary	Middle School	High School
Week of March 18: Social Studies and Science (Grades 4) Week of April 1: Social Studies and Science (Grades 4) ELA - writing (Grades 3, 4, 5) Week of April 8: ELA (Grades 3, 4, 5) Week of April 15: Math (Grades 3, 4, 5)	Week of March 18: Social Studies and Science (Grades 8) Week of April 1: Social Studies and Science (Grades 4, 8) Week of April 8: ELA (Grades 6,7,8) Week of April 15: Math (Grades 6, 7, 8)	April 15 and 16th: Social Studies (Grade 10)

One or more subtests may be administered daily during the identified time frame, and it is very important that your child is in school during this time. Students who are not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window on April 26, 2024.

State assessments, including the *Forward Exam*, are required by both state (Wisconsin State Statute s. 118.30) and federal (Every Student Succeeds Act) law. Your student's participation in state assessments provide you an understanding of how they are performing compared to grade level peers in the State of Wisconsin. Wauwatosa School District uses the results to identify gaps in curriculum and develop action steps to more effectively support student learning moving forward. Results from state and local assessments guide the District in improvement planning, curriculum development, and promoting educational excellence for all children.

The [*Informational Brochure for Families*](#) ([Spanish Translation](#)) ([Hmong Translation](#)) provides additional information about the Forward Exam, including its purpose, test question types, and how test scores will be used.

For all the reasons mentioned, participation is strongly encouraged. If you would like to opt your child out please reach out to me. For additional information about Wisconsin's statewide assessment system, please visit [Assessment Information for Families FAQ](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Larson or Mr. Bentley.

Thank you,

Dr. Larson

Ms. Gilbert