



February 1, 2018

Dear West Hartford Public School Families;

This spring, the West Hartford Public Schools will administer the required state assessments for students in grades 3-8 and 11. High school juniors will take the **School Day SAT on March 21, 2018 and the state assessment for science the week of March 27 - April 3, 2018.**

School Day SAT

The SAT has great relevance to a student's individual college and career planning, and is the primary way for students to achieve the graduation requirements in literacy and mathematics. The SAT takes approximately four hours to administer with three hours for testing and one hour for directions, required breaks, and other logistics. To accommodate students who qualify for extended breaks and extended time for testing, it is not feasible to conduct testing during an early release Wednesday. Given the length of the time required to administer the SAT we have converted **Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from an early release Wednesday to a full day of school with student dismissal at the normal time of 2:15pm.** As all high schools in Connecticut must test on the same date, we do not have any flexibility to move the assessment to another date.

Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 will follow their normal full-day schedule. Buses will follow their normal pick up route in the morning. Since the elementary and middle schools will still have the traditional Wednesday schedule we expect the afternoon *buses to pick up students from Hall and Conard between 2:30 pm - 2:45 pm.*

State Science Assessment

All juniors will participate in the state science assessment on the week of March 27 - April 3, 2018, during their science class. The science assessment will require students to use information, observations, and data to think and act like scientists. Questions will include a variety of new interactions, simulations, and animations. They will challenge students to show a deeper understanding of their scientific knowledge by making sense of the natural world and solving problems.

If you should have any questions regarding these assessments, please contact your child's school counselor. We thank you for your partnership in the education of your students.

Sincerely,

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