



C. E. King Middle School

Sheldon ISD "A Community of Learners"

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Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, the state of Texas has moved to the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, as our accountability system for public schools. Please take a few moments to read over this important information.

What subjects will be tested in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade?

Grade	Reading	Math	Writing	U.S. History	Science
Sixth	Yes	Yes			
Seventh	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Eighth	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes

How have we prepared students for STAAR?

We have an aligned curriculum that is implemented in classroom instruction at the rigor necessary for students to be successful. We have also implemented a "Paws for Success" time during the school day to provide additional support and reinforce academic concepts for students in math and reading. In addition to this, we have after school tutorials as an opportunity for students to receive help.

We will also have mock testing days on the following days:

March 6, 2012- Math (6-7), Science (8)

Students will take timed exams to prepare them for the routine of

How can I, as a parent, help my student at home?

As a parent, you can monitor that students are completing homework assignments and reading daily for 20-30 minutes. If you are concerned about your child, you can communicate with their teachers and set up a time for a parent conference.

How can I help on testing days?

It is important that students are present on testing days. Students are to be here at 8:35 a.m. as testing will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Dress code will be enforced. Students are not to wear house shoes, pajamas, nor bring pillows, blankets or backpacks. Students should get a good night's rest prior to testing and a good breakfast that morning.

In order to maintain an optimum testing environment for students, we strongly encourage students to keep cell phones and other electronic devices at home during testing. However, if a student chooses to bring his/her phone, he or she will be required to turn the phone off in front of the test administrator and leave his/her phone in the front of the room. Each student will be required to sign off that he or she has either turned in all electronic devices or does not possess any electronic devices. If a student chooses to keep the cell phone on and instigates communication, the phone goes off, or the phone becomes visible, then the student's answer document may be marked "O" for OTHER causing it to not be scored by the state and the student receiving no score. This cell phone policy will be followed and other additional disciplinary action may be taken.

The campus policy regarding cell phone use during state mandated testing may be found on page 47 of the 2010-2011 Student Handbook or it may be found on the district website www.sheldonisd.com. Please discuss the importance of adhering to this policy with your student.

Please do not schedule an early release for your student during STAAR testing. Students should plan on being present the entire day. Also, we will not deliver lunches or anything to students during testing. Please plan accordingly.

What are the dates for STAAR?

Date	Grade	Test
March 27, 2012	7	Writing, Day 1
	8	Math
March 28, 2012	7	Writing, Day 2
	8	Reading
April 24, 2012	6, 7	Math
April 25, 2012	6,7	Reading
April 26, 2012	8	Science
April 27, 2012	8	U.S. History
May 15, 2012	8 (<i>not all students</i>)	EOC-Algebra 1

Thank you for your support and cooperation during this testing year. If you have any questions, please call (281) 727-4300.

Sincerely,

Robert Hernandez
Principal, King Middle School