



Valley View Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is a friendly reminder that Valley View students will begin the Start Strong assessment in the upcoming days. Our sixth graders will take the science section tomorrow afternoon.

The Start Strong assessment was designed to quickly provide critical data to teachers and school leaders. The district will have access to student results soon after the testing window closes, allowing teachers the flexibility to address students' unique needs at the beginning of the school year. This assessment is in addition to our normal, local assessments, which will also give us needed data on student growth and progress from the past year.

Students will take a 45 to 60-minute assessment in English-Language Arts and in Mathematics. Students in grade 6 will also take a Science assessment. As with regular state testing, students who are permitted extra time or other accommodations as per their 504 or IEP plan will have access to those accommodations on the Start Strong.

Start Strong Testing Dates at Valley View

Friday, October 1 - Science Assessment Grade 6 only

Monday, October 4 - Math and Language Arts Assessments Grades 5-8

October 5 thru 11 - Make-Up Sessions

Parents/Guardians will be provided with an Individual Student Report (ISR) following the close of the assessment window this Fall. I will be sure to send more information once the reports are made available.

Please be sure that your child charges his/her Chromebook the night before testing and brings earbuds/headphones to school.

If you have any questions, please contact our main office or email me at kkidd@watchungschools.us

All my best,

Karin Kidd