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Dear Parent:

The **Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-Level** assessments will be administered by the St. Louis Public Schools April 16 to May 11, 2018. The MAP evaluates students' progress toward the Missouri Learning Standards. Grade-Level Assessments provide important information that contributes to decisions concerning individual students, groups of students, and education programs. Assessments are given in the subject areas of Communication Arts (grade 3-8), Mathematics (grades 3-8) and Science (grade 5 and 8). The **High School End of Course (EOC) Exams** begin April 9<sup>th</sup> and finish May 11<sup>th</sup> and assess mastery of specific content areas.

A policy statement, adopted by the Missouri State Board of Education, designated the purposes of the Missouri Assessment Program as:

- Improving students' acquisition of important knowledge, skills and competencies;
- Monitoring the performance of Missouri's education system;
- Empowering students and their families to improve their educational prospects; and
- Supporting the teaching and learning process.

The Grade-Level Assessments and EOC's include multiple types of questions or items:

- Selected Response (also known as multiple choice) items are composed of a question followed by a series of possible responses. Students must select the correct response or responses. There may be multiple correct choices.
- Constructed Response or Short text items require students to supply an appropriate response rather than making a selection from a list of choices.
- Performance Tasks/Events allow students to work through more completed items using real-world scenarios.
- Technology Enhanced items make use of technology in the presentation of the item, the ways in which students respond, or both. For example, students might listen to a story and then drag and drop labels into a diagram, or click on specific parts of a text to provide a response.
- Embedded throughout the tests are field items. These field test items will not be scored. They are included to make improvements and to develop items for future MAP and EOC assessments.

It is important that students get lots of rest and nourishment before taking the test. It is also important that absent students attempt to return to complete the test during the testing window listed above. Please keep in mind that it is a State mandate (law) that all public education students participate in the MAP and take the appropriate EOC. A large portion of the points earned by St. Louis Public Schools toward maintaining full accreditation comes from student participation in the MAP and EOC.

Taken together, the information obtained through MAP, EOC, and district benchmark assessments will provide a comprehensive picture of educational progress that will improve the services to each student in the district. Your school’s testing schedule is outlined below and your school testing coordinators are Dr. Tracy Bednarick ([tracy.bednarick@slps.org](mailto:tracy.bednarick@slps.org)) and Mrs. Zegge Bein ([zegge.bein@slps.org](mailto:zegge.bein@slps.org)).

<b>McKinley’s Testing Schedule</b>	
April 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	High School English 2 EOC (primarily 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students)—2 sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The second session is a writing session.</li> </ul>
April 17 <sup>th</sup> -May 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6-8 Grade Level MAP Assessments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA—4 sessions</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA—3 sessions</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA—4 sessions (May 1<sup>st</sup> is the extended writing session.)</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math and Geometry—3 sessions (Geometry students take the appropriate grade level assessment.)</li> <li>• Algebra does not take the MAP (These students will take the EOC)</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science—2 sessions</li> </ul>
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	High School American Government (primarily 11 <sup>th</sup> grade students)—1 session
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Middle School and High School Algebra 1 EOC(primarily 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> grade students)—2 sessions
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	High School Biology EOC (primarily 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students)—1 session
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	High School Algebra 2 EOC (select students who took the Algebra EOC in Middle School)—2 sessions