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Dear Parents and Students,

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I wanted to inform you of the upcoming state tests. Students in the classes of 2015, 2016, and 2017, and those who are repeating ninth grade this school year will continue to operate under Ohio's current graduation requirement, which includes taking the Ohio Graduation Tests in the spring of their sophomore year. Tests include: Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students must pass all five sections of the OGT as a graduation requirement. The OGT will be administered to all sophomores as well as any juniors and seniors who have not passed all sections of the OGT March 16-20th.

We are confident that we have prepared our students to perform well on these tests; however, students will have multiple opportunities to take the tests during their high school careers. Testing will begin at 8:00 a.m. and last until approximately 10:45 a.m. More information and practice tests can be found on the Ohio Department of Education web site <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/>.

The schedule below indicates which test will be given on each day of the week:

Monday, March 16th - Reading
Tuesday, March 17th - Math
Wednesday, March 18th - Writing
Thursday, March 19th - Science
Friday, March 20th - Social Studies

Beginning this year, Ohio is administering new state tests to students who are enrolled in American History and Government through the vendor, American Institute of Research (AIR). These tests will be administered in two parts. The first part is the Performance Based Assessment, and the second part is the End of the Course Assessment. Each test is 90 minutes long. The Performance Based Assessment will be given during the following dates and time:

American History: March 2nd in the a.m.

Government: March 6th in the a.m.

The End of the Year Assessment will be given sometime between May 3rd-May 16th. All districts and schools with eligible students are required to administer both parts of the tests.

Encourage your son/daughter to get plenty of rest and eat a nutritious breakfast during testing. We know that you will join us in emphasizing to your student that attitude and performance are important during testing. We join you in wishing them success. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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