



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Wisconsin students in grades 9 and 10 will be participating in the **ACT Aspire** assessment during the April 4 - May 4, testing window. State assessments, including Aspire, are required by both Wisconsin State Statute s.118.30 and the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students at Reuther Central High School, will be testing on Tuesday April 12th: 9:15am-2:30pm (including lunch break from 11:00-11:30am) and Wednesday April 13th from 9:15am-1:00pm (including lunch break from 11:00-11:30am). This includes 10th grade Transition students. 10th Grade Transition students, please note the testing dates and times and make plans to attend at the appropriate start time.

Per Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, parents/guardians have the right to opt children out of this exam by sending a written statement via email or mail to their school principal before or during the testing window, April 4 - May 4. Students excused by parent opt-out will be marked as "not tested" in school and district reports. To learn more about the ACT Aspire assessment, please visit the [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website](https://www.wisconsin.gov/departments/public-instruction/assessment/act-aspire).

In-person is the only method for state assessments because the company that produces the test does not have a virtual testing option available. Proctored, on-site testing ensures standardized administration that includes equitable access to technology and optimal testing environments, test security and validity.

Please know we are taking precautions to ensure a safe testing environment. We are following procedures recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Department of Health Services, including physical distancing, and frequent disinfecting of student spaces and equipment. Please make sure your child is healthy before sending them to school. If they are ill or have been exposed to COVID-19, please keep them home. Students not in school on testing day(s) will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window.

The Aspire tests students in the areas of English, Reading, Math, Science, and Writing. One or more subtests may be administered daily during our selected time frame. A student's performance on the assessment will not affect their grades. Please encourage your child to take the test seriously and do the best they can.

Transportation arrangements will be made for students who are eligible to ride yellow or city buses. Food services also will ensure lunch counts are adjusted and delivered to appropriate buildings during testing. More information regarding transportation and food services will be shared in the coming weeks by your building administration. **We need students to bring their district provided electronic device fully charged, charging cord and earbuds on test day(s).**

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kiouressis at 262.359.7510 or [sathey@kUSD.edu](mailto:sathey@kUSD.edu).

Thank you,

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