



STATE ASSESSMENTS COMING UP (K-11th) and Opt-Out Option

KEEP: During the **first two weeks** of school, Kindergarten Students will be given the KEEP test to gauge their Reading and Math progress. Students are given the test a second time during the **final week** of school. Parents may not opt their child(ren) out of the KEEP test.

Acadience: This test is given to K-3rd three times of year. The Beginning of the Year (BOY), the Middle of the Year (MOY) and the End of the Year (EOY). In **mid September**, K-3rd students will take the BOY Acadience test. **During the month of January**, our K-3rd grade students will participate in the middle of the year Acadience assessment, **and in April-May** they will take the EOY Acadience test. This test was formally known as DIBELS. This assessment has been used by schools across the country since the 1980s to measure students' reading abilities. It is given one-on-one by a classroom teacher or paraprofessional. The Acadience assessment provides teachers with valuable information on students' reading ability to guide daily instruction.

Civics Exam: During the second week of January, FPA gives the Civics Exam to all 8th grade students and any seniors who have not yet taken it. It is a 50 question test that will be done online. You may opt out, however, it is a requirement to graduate in the state of Utah.

WIDA Access 2.0: During the first two weeks of February, all students identified as "ELL" (English Language Learners) take the WIDA Access 2.0 test. This test must be done on campus, and is not one parents can "opt out of" (because it is a federal test.) We will be in touch to coordinate the dates and times of these tests as needed. The test is for the purpose of gauging a student's English Language abilities.

RISE Test: The RISE Test (and any RISE Interim Test) are given to 3rd-8th grades in Reading, Writing, Math and Science. The RISE Interim (if given) will be the first two weeks of February. The RISE Summative Test will be given the last two weeks of April. Students will need to take these assessments on campus. Parents may opt their child(ren) out of these assessments if desired.

Utah Aspire Plus: The Utah Aspire Plus is given to 9th and 10th grade students on March 22, 2022 at the high school campus. Grades 6, 7, 8 and 12 do not come to school that day. This is a test similar to ACT that helps gauge student preparedness in English, Math and Science for the ACT. Parents may opt their child(ren) out of these assessments if desired.

ACT: The ACT is a college readiness test that is given to 11th graders on March 22, 2022 at the high school campus. Grades 6, 7, 8 and 12 do not come to school that day. This test helps gauge student preparedness for college in English, Math and Science. Many higher education institutions in Utah and other states may ask incoming Freshman for their ACT scores when students apply to their university, college, or post-high school program. Parents may opt their child(ren) out of these assessments if desired.

For more detailed assessment information or if you wish for your child to NOT participate in State testing, please visit the following link:

<https://schools.utah.gov/file/0e6e5df4-c03e-495d-be15-318729aa30b3>)

To exclude your child from testing, print off the parental exclusion form and drop it off at the front office or email it to Kim Flewallen, at kflewallen@freedomprep.net. We appreciate you returning these forms ASAP. Printed parental exclusion forms may also be picked up at the front office during normal school hours.