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ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF TESTING PROGRAM

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of Hobgood School's annual testing program. As a public school unit, HCS is required by statute to participate in North Carolina's annual testing program. Per 16 N.C. Admin. Code 06G.0315(a), "All students enrolled in a public school unit (PSU) in grades 3 through 8 or in high school courses in which an end-of-course (EOC) assessment is administered shall participate in the State Annual Testing Program. PSUs shall report to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) test results for:

1. beginning of grade 3 proficiency (BOG3);
2. grades 3 through 8 end-of-grade (EOG) English language arts/reading and mathematics;
3. grades 5 and 8 EOG science;
4. grade 10 EOC English II;
5. grade 11 EOC assessments in NC Math 1, NC Math 3, and Biology;
6. grade 11 ACT; and
7. grade 12 Career and Technical Education Concentrators-ACT WorkKeys."

In general, state and local assessments are designed to survey students' knowledge and mastery of skills as specified in the state-adopted content standards. General Statute §115C-174.10 states that the Annual Testing Program has three purposes: "(i) to assure that all high school graduates possess those minimum skills and that knowledge thought necessary to function as a member of society; (ii) to provide a means of identifying strengths and weaknesses in the education process in order to improve instructional delivery; and (iii) to establish additional means for making the education system at the state, local, and school levels accountable to the public for results."

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) for all state assessments will be published to the Parent Portal of PowerSchool within 30 days following the assessment. Upon parental request ISRs can be mailed. Test results for vendor tests (i.e. ACT assessments, WIDA assessments, etc.) will be provided to parents within 30 days of their availability.

A copy of this year's Testing Calendar is attached to this notification. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at jbetts@hobgoodcharterschool.org.

Sincerely,

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