

ACADEMIC INCENTIVE FOR PROFICIENT PERFORMANCE on ACT ASPIRE Test

In accordance with Utah State Board of Education Rule R277-404-7(9) and State Code 53E-4-303 to 305.

SCHOOL: Dixie Middle School

COURSE TITLE: Earth Science

TEACHER: Durrant / White

SCHEDULED TEST: ACT ASPIRE Test—Earth Science.

Below is a description of the academic incentive for those students who score PROFICIENT (3) or HIGHLY PROFICIENT (4) on the Earth Science ACT ASPIRE Test (end of year exam).

Students may use their results of this exam to qualify for the end of year test incentive which is either **1) accept a proficient ASPIRE test score (3=B or 4=A) as the fourth term grade, or 2) replace the fourth term cumulative course test score with a proficient ASPIRE test score (3=B=85% or 4=A=95%).**

This is not mandatory. Students may choose to apply this incentive to their grade if eligible. If students do not achieve a proficient or highly proficient ASPIRE test score, they will not be eligible for this incentive.

For Students Whose Parents Have OPTED-OUT of the ACT ASPIRE Test

There is an option of an alternative assessment provided for those students whose parents have opted the student out of the end of year ASPIRE Test. Students may use this exam in place of the ASPIRE Test to qualify for the end of year test incentive which is either **1) accept a proficient end of level test score (3=B or 4=A) as the fourth term grade, or 2) replace the fourth term cumulative course test score with a proficient end of level test score (3=B=85% or 4=A=95%).** This exam consists of four (4) sections and is designed to assess the student's understanding of key concepts from the four state core curriculum standards which were covered in class this year. In their writing, students will include answers to important questions and explanations for key concepts provided for each standard within the sections below.

Students will write their responses legibly by hand in paragraph form, using correct grammar and complete sentences. No electronic word processing method will be employed, except in the case of accommodation indicated in an individualized education plan (IEP).