

Dear SCMS Parents:

During the weeks of April 23 - May 3, our 9th grade students will have the opportunity to take the ACT Aspire Plus assessment. This is an on-line test that resembles the content found in the ACT. The assessment is made-up of four timed subtests: Language Arts, Math, Science, and Reading. Half of the questions come from ACT's ASPIRE test, the other half are specific to the Utah State Core Standards and are developed by Utah educators.

The Language Arts and Science subtests require up to 60 minutes to complete and will be given during the week of April 23 - April 26. These tests will be given during the normal language arts and science class periods. Some parts of the testing may require headphones. If students have their own plug-in headphones that they would prefer to use during the test, they are encouraged to bring them. We will provide headphones to students who do not bring their own pair.

The Math and Reading subtests require 90 minutes to complete and will be given during the week of April 30 - May 3. Because these subtests require a longer block of time to complete we will run a modified schedule during the week, which will lengthen each class period to 108 minutes on one of the days. The modified testing schedule is attached to this message and can also be viewed on the SCMS website.

We anticipate that all students will be able to complete each subtest in the time provided. Students who are absent from class for their testing sessions will be given the opportunity to makeup the tests, however this will require that they be pulled from other classes to attend the makeup sessions. Students requiring special accommodations may take the test on an alternate schedule and in an alternative location in order to meet the accommodations.

Each student will receive a report that will include a predicted ACT score. This is a great opportunity for students to see how they're doing as well as giving them an idea how they are doing in their college preparations. There is no fee for the test. Results will not be used in grading.

If you would like more information about the ACT Aspire Plus assessment you may find it at The [Utah Aspire Plus Resource Center](#). You may also access sample questions at the [Question Sampler](#) page. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us here at Snow Canyon Middle School at 674 6474.

Thank You

Brad Bench

Principal