

Dear SCMS Parents:

During the weeks of April 23 - May 3, our 8th grade students will have the opportunity to take the RISE assessment. The RISE assessments are administered online and include sub-tests in reading, writing, mathematics and science. The RISE assessment measures how students are doing on the Utah Core Standards. RISE tests will not be timed. We anticipate that most students will finish each subject in about 60-90 minutes. Testing for each subject will be broken down into small periods of time over 2-3 days.

The Reading and Science sub-tests will be given during the week of April 23 - April 26 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.

The Math and Reading subtests will be given during the week of April 30 - May 3 during math and language arts classes. However, we will run a modified schedule during this week, which will lengthen each class period to 108 minutes on one of the testing days. The modified testing schedule is attached to this message and can also be viewed on the SCMS website.

Students who are absent from class for their testing sessions will be given the opportunity to makeup the tests, however this may 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.

You will receive a report that includes information about your student's academic strengths and weaknesses. As in the past, results will not be used to determine a student's course grade and will not be used to determine whether a student advances to the next grade level.

You can learn more about *RISE* at [The Utah RISE Portal](#). You can view sample questions at the [Utah RISE Question Sampler](#). You can review the Utah Core Standards at: <https://www.uen.org/core>. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call us here at SCMS at 435-676-6474.

Thank You

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