

Dear Snow Canyon Middle School Parent,

This spring your student will have the opportunity to take the *Utah Aspire Plus* assessment, which is a hybrid of *ACT Aspire* and Utah Core test items. This is a computer delivered, fixed form high school assessment for students in grades 9 and 10. The assessment includes subtests for Reading, English, Math, and Science. *Utah Aspire Plus* is used to calculate student academic growth between 9th and 10th grades, and it provides students with a predictive score for the ACT, which is taken by all Utah grade 11 students and is the most commonly submitted college readiness assessment for local universities. Each subtest will be taken in one setting and is a timed test.

On Friday April 23, all ninth grade students will take the *ACT Aspire Plus* Math and Reading subtests. These are 75 minute timed tests. We will start the first test at 8:20 am and expect to be finished with the second test by 12:15 pm. The students will have a 20 minute break between tests.

The Science subtest is 60 minutes long and will be given during your students science class during the week of April 19-22. The English subtest is 45 minutes long and will be given during your students Language Arts class during the week of May 3-6. Please try to schedule appointments and absences around these dates.

Please encourage your student to participate in the tests to the best of their abilities. Along with communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity, *test-taking* is a 21st Century Skill.

Thank you for your support and all you do to help your student be successful. If I can answer any questions, please contact me,

Brad Bench
Snow Canyon Middle School Principal

You can review the Utah Core Standards at: <https://www.uen.org/core>