

Dear Snow Canyon Middle School Parent,

This spring, all our 8th grade students will have the opportunity to take the RISE assessment. This assessment consists of 4 subtests in Language Arts, Writing, Math and Science. The *RISE* assessment measures student progress on the Utah Core Standards, which are the projected student outcomes for all subjects taught in Utah schools, as established by the Utah State Board of Education. Utah teachers help write the RISE questions. All questions then pass through a review committee of Utah teachers, school leaders, and parents before they are included on the assessment.

During the weeks of April 19 - April 29, students will take the Math and Writing tests in their corresponding core classes.

During the weeks of May 3 - May 14, students will take the Science and Language Arts tests in their corresponding core classes.

These tests do not have a time limit, but students should be able to finish each test in two class periods. Additional time and make up testing days will be provided for students who are absent on their scheduled testing days or need some additional time on the test.

After testing is completed, you will receive your students results in a report that includes information about your student's academic strengths and weaknesses in each area. These results help to determine your child's progress during the year and help us to address the learning needs of our students in the future.

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.

On Friday April 23, the ninth grade students will be taking The ACT Aspire Plus Assessment. 8th grade students may still attend on that day, but the regular 8th grade classes will not be held and no new assignments will be given. Alternative learning activities will be provided to those 8th grade students who choose to come. More detailed information concerning the schedule and activities for this day will be sent in a separate message.

Thank you for your support and all you do to help your student be successful. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us here at SCMS at 674 6474.

Brad Bench
Snow Canyon Middle School Principal

If you would like to take a short *Sample RISE* test at home, go to:

<https://utahrise.org/users/students-and-families.stml>

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