

Dear Parent and Virtual Students:

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 review committees of Utah teachers, school leaders, and parents.

Students will be taking these assessments in their 8th grade core classes. Because your student is taking some or all of these core classes virtually, we have scheduled an alternative location and times for them to take these four *RISE* tests at Snow Canyon Middle School. These tests do not have a time limit, but students should be able to finish each test in 90 minutes or less.

We will administer the Math and Writing tests to virtual students from April 19 - April 29 between 8:30 to 10:30 am. Students could realistically finish one test in one day, so we would recommend planning for students to attend for at least two days on these dates to complete these two tests.

We will administer the Science and Language Arts Tests to virtual students from May 3 - May 13 between 8:30 and 10:30 am. Again, students could realistically finish one test in one day so we would recommend planning for students to attend for at least two days on these dates to complete these two tests.

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.

Thank you for your support and all you do to help your student be successful. We look forward to seeing your student between April 19 and May 13 to take these RISE Assessments. If we can answer any questions or these dates do not work for your student, please contact us here at the school at 435 674 6474.

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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>