



Hillcrest Academy South Campus

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Hello Hillcrest Academy South Campus families!

All New Jersey Public Schools are required to administer the Start Strong Assessment this fall. On Monday, 10/18/21, through Wednesday, 10/20/21, Hillcrest South will be requiring all eligible students to take the assessment in person at Hillcrest Academy North. The areas assessed will be English Language Arts (Grades 9 & 10), Mathematics (students currently taking Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II), and Science (Grades 9 & 12). These tests are based on a subset of prioritized prior-year NJ Student Learning Standards and have been designed to assist us understand the level of support your student requires. Each content area test will take approximately 45-60 minutes to complete and results will be available shortly following the test.

Please note the following:

- All testing will take place at Hillcrest Academy North Campus (2630 Plainfield Road, Scotch Plains).
- On Monday, 10/18/21, the school day will be from 8:30-1:00 and ALL students will report to their Testing Bus Stop (this will be provided by your Teacher Advocate).
- On Tuesday, 10/19/21, and Wednesday, 10/20/21, ONLY students who need to take the assessment will report to the testing location school. Non-testing students will follow their regular remote instruction schedule from home.

Supports:

- Your student's Advocacy Teacher will contact you if your student needs to report to the testing location on Tuesday, 10/19/21, and/or Wednesday, 10/20/21.
- Please make every effort to ensure that your child has a good breakfast (we provide breakfast too), arrives on time, and has adequate rest on testing days.
- Emphasize the importance of having a positive attitude but avoid raising undue anxiety.
- Students who arrive late to the testing location school may not be able to participate in the day's testing and will need to participate in make-up testing.

I would like to thank you for your support!

Dr. Balsamello