

Iowa Assessments 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students in grades 1-6 will take the Iowa Assessments, formerly known as the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) each morning starting Thursday, November 2nd through Wednesday, November 8th. These tests provide objective information about a student's performance in each of the basic skill areas. The tests are one measure of your child's academic growth during the past year.

As parents, you can help your children in the following ways:

1. Encourage your child to do the best he/she can.
2. Be sure your child/children attend school during the test week unless they are ill. Although make-ups are given, students tend to score higher when they take the test with their regular class.
3. Arrive on time during test week. Tests start right away in the morning. Please reschedule appointments that conflict with the Iowa Assessment testing.
4. Help your child get a good night's sleep each night during test week.
5. Provide a healthy breakfast to get them started.
6. Supply your child with two #2 pencils.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the School Counselor or Administrator at your child's school. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lisa Albrecht, School Counselor for Bridgeview and Cody Elementary
Keith Cavanagh, School Counselor for Pleasant View Elementary
Leslie Wonderlich, School Counselor for Riverdale Heights Elementary
Kate Reed, School Counselor, Hopewell Elementary