

April 7, 2021

Dear Thompson VIRTUAL 3-8th Grade Families,

If you have completed the most recent survey regarding testing and have selected *yes* to have your child participate in testing next week, please continue reading for details regarding **PSAT 8/9 and MSTEP Testing**. If your child is *VIRTUAL* and you did not fill out the form sent earlier this week, we will assume you are choosing *not to test* next week. If your student is now hybrid they will attend school as usual (Monday-Thursday, 8:45AM -11:45PM) and test on their assigned test days.

Transportation will be provided for virtual students who are testing. Please call the SPS Transportation Department at **248.746.8522** for further information as it relates to pick up and drop off times and locations.

Students will be taking the test in as safe an environment as is possible. Desks will be spaced at least 6 feet apart and everyone in the building will be required to wear an appropriate mask at all times. But there is no way to guarantee a completely virus-free environment.

Please understand that cell phones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices must be powered off and put away during all testing. We would prefer that students NOT bring electronic devices during testing.

Always remember the following tips to earn your highest test score possible:

- Get a good night's sleep.
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Be on time for each test day.
- Practice PSAT skills on [khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org).
- Bring an approved calculator with you on test day.
- Dress comfortably.
- Follow all directions from testing staff.

Please pay special attention to the following information regarding test dates and student arrival and dismissal times. The details are arranged by date, then grade.

8TH GRADE

It is important to arrive on time for testing. If you arrive after the test begins, you will not be admitted to the building. This testing session, like the entire school year, is not normal, and not the way we would like to conduct things. Thank you for your patience and willingness to work with us through all these challenges.

TEST	DAY/DATE	STUDENT ARRIVAL	STUDENT DISMISSAL
PSAT 8/9	Tuesday, April 13	8:45	11:45
MSTEP Science 8	Monday, April 19	8:45	11:45
MSTEP Social Studies 8	Tuesday, April 20	8:45	11:45

5TH GRADE

TEST	DAY/DATE	STUDENT ARRIVAL	STUDENT DISMISSAL
MSTEP ELA 5 DAY 1	Tuesday, April 13	8:45	11:45
MSTEP ELA 5 DAY 2	Wednesday, April 14	8:45	11:45
MSTEP MATH 5	Tuesday, April 20	8:45	11:45
MSTEP Science 5	Wednesday, April 21	8:45	11:45
MSTEP Social Studies 5	Thursday, April 22	8:45	11:45

3RD and 6TH GRADE

TEST	DAY/DATE	STUDENT ARRIVAL	STUDENT DISMISSAL
MSTEP Math	Tuesday, April 27	8:45	11:45
MSTEP ELA Day 1	Tuesday, May 4	8:45	11:45
MSTEP ELA Day 2	Wednesday, May 5	8:45	11:45

4TH and 7TH GRADE

TEST	DAY/DATE	STUDENT ARRIVAL	STUDENT DISMISSAL
MSTEP ELA Day 1	Tuesday, May 11	8:45	11:45
MSTEP ELA Day 2	Wednesday, May 12	8:45	11:45