

Darien Public Schools - Administrative Offices

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Dear Parents,

During the month of March, classroom teachers in Grades 3 through 8 will be administering the Connecticut Mastery Test or CMT in reading, writing and mathematics. Also, students in Grades 5 and 8 will take a CMT in science. Students will be tested according to the following schedule:

Day	Date	Test Session	Testing Time	Directions Time
Monday	March 1	Editing and Revising	60 min	10 min.
Tuesday	March 2	Direct Assessment of Writing	45 min.	10 min.
Wednesday	March 3	Reading Comprehension-Session 1	45 min.	10 min.
Thursday	March 4	Reading Comprehension-Session 2	45 min.	10 min.
Friday	March 5	DRP	45 min	10 min.
Monday	March 8	Math I (All except Grade 7)	60 min.	10 min.
Monday	March 8	Math I (Grade 7)	70 min.	10 min.
Tuesday	March 9	Math II (All except Grade 8)	60 min.	10 min.
Tuesday	March 9	Math II (Grade 8)	70 min.	10 min.
Wednesday	March 10	Math III (Gr. 5,6,7 & 8)	60 min.	10 min.
Thursday	March 11	Science (Gr. 5 and 8)	65-70 min	10 min.
Mon-Fri	March 15-19	Make up testing		
Monday	March 22	All testing & make ups completed		

It is important that students are in attendance on these days, and that they arrive on time. **Students arriving after testing begins will not be allowed to enter their classroom until the end of the testing period.** We recommend that students have a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast, and a positive beginning to their day.

Test results will be sent to the schools and individual student reports will be mailed to parents in early fall of 2010.

If you have any questions about testing, please contact your building principal or you can access the state website at <http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/cedar/assessment/index.htm>.

Sincerely,

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