

Information About Aspire ACT (The Replacement for Sage)

Dear East High Families,

We are quickly coming to the end of the school year, which means it is time to talk about end of year testing. This year we will be using a test called Aspire ACT Plus (Aspire for short). Aspire will take the place of SAGE and only 9th and 10th grade students will take it.

In addition to measuring student progress on the Utah Core Standards, Aspire is designed to better prepare students to take the ACT in 11th grade. Unlike SAGE, Aspire is a timed test and has four sections that align with the ACT subject areas: Reading (90 minutes), Math (90 minutes) English (45 minutes), and Science (60 minutes). In order to accommodate the Math and Reading tests, which will take longer than our usual 90 minute periods, we will have a modified bell schedule on April 30th, May 1st, May 2nd and May 3rd. Please view the image at the bottom of this message to see the modified bell schedule.

English and Science testing will take place during the week of April 22nd. Please encourage your students to get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, and be on time to school!

Last, but not least, for the first year of the test, results will not be available until October 2019. Results will include your student's score, how they compare to other students in their grade, and where your student can still improve.

Students and families can find additional information about Aspire and frequently asked questions here: <https://schools.utah.gov/assessment/assessments?mid=1173&tid=9>

Students can find a tutorial and practice questions here:

<http://utah.pearsonaccessnext.com/tutorial/> <http://utah.pearsonaccessnext.com/question-samplers/>