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Dear Parents/Guardians

By Oregon law, school districts are required to provide families with notice about statewide testing and your right to have your child “Opt-out” of the testing requirement. On the opposite side of this page, you will see the Oregon Department of Education notice that also gives you links to websites for further information.

As you know, all Oregon high school students must earn 24 credits in order to receive a high school diploma. In addition, each student must demonstrate proficiency in certain Essential Skills in order to graduate. The English Language Arts test is one way to demonstrate this proficiency, for example, for the Essential Skills of reading and writing. Likewise, the Mathematics test is one way to demonstrate proficiency for the Essential Skill of performing mathematics. We encourage all students to take the state assessment; no one particularly fails the test and is kept from graduating. Passing the tests quickly show that the student is ready for high school graduation.

Please contact me or your child’s teacher with any questions you may have about the tests, the testing environment, or the purpose of the tests. For all grades, this testing will not occur until late Spring, 2017 but we need to tell you about this opt-out option now and once again 30 days before the tests are scheduled.

Thank you so much for all you do to support Dayville Schools and thank you for having the best kids ever!

Respectfully,



Kathryn Hedrick