



Laurel High School

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Each Spring, all students participate in state assessments that provide your child, your child's teacher, and you with important information about how your child is progressing academically. This helps educators know how to best provide supports and instruction to your child. These assessments, along with local assessments, report cards, classwork, and teacher feedback all create a picture of your child's educational progress.

High School students in Delaware are required to complete the PSAT 10 in 10th grade and SAT in 11th grade during the school day. This is an opportunity for the students to take the assessments for free. The PSAT 10 consists of two sections: the Reading and Writing section, and the Math section. Most of the questions are multiple choice, though some math questions ask you to write in the answer rather than select it. The SAT is composed of three sections: the Reading and Writing section, the Math section and the Essay section. Most of the questions are multiple choice, though some math questions ask you to write in the answer rather than select it. The SAT Essay asks you to use your reading, analysis, and writing skills. You'll be asked to: read a passage., explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience, support your explanation with evidence from the passage. These online, adaptive tests are designed so that students can demonstrate what they know and can do. These assessments are designed so that all learners can demonstrate their knowledge.

The students will receive results through their college board account approximately 2 to 4 weeks after they complete the assessment.

Students will also be taking state assessments in Science and Social Studies. Students in Biology will take the DeSSA Next Generation Science Assessment. This assessment asks your child to demonstrate their progress towards standards. The Science assessment measures progress on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Students in grade 11 will take an assessment on progress towards the Delaware Social Studies Standards and the Delaware State Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies. Both the DeSSA Next Generation Science Assessment and the DeSSA Social Studies Assessment are administered online.

On December 10, 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* (ESSA) was signed into law. Section 1112(e)(2) of ESSA, states that parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know about state or district policies regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by ESSA, including any policy, procedure, or parental right to opt students out of such assessments. If you would like to receive information about this topic, please contact Petrina Giles, Principal of Laurel High School, at (302) 875-6120 or Petrina.Giles@laurel.k12.de.us.

Sincerely,

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