

April 8, 2019

Dear Jordan High Parents,

During the week of April 22nd, we will be administering the statewide assessments for math, science, reading, and English to all of our ninth and tenth grade students. The state has replaced the SAGE with the Aspire Plus. 50% of the questions have been developed by Utah educators in these specific subject areas and 50% of the questions come from ACT. Every student who takes the Aspire will receive ACT subject area and composite predicted scores for the actual ACT, which your student will take during their junior year.

If you choose not to have your child participate in the Aspire testing, you will need to come in to the Attendance Office and complete an opt-out form. In order for us to determine which students will be testing, we will need to have these forms completed by **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019. No opt-out forms will be accepted after this date, and forms cannot be sent with students. A parent must come in to the school between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to complete the opt-out.** Students who opt-out of the exam will be expected to work on teacher-sponsored activities tied to their specific curriculum during the testing session. While these tests and activities cannot be counted on a student's grade, students who opt-out of the exam are not simply given free time.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to have your students participate in the Aspire Plus. Not only will this help us design better ACT prep courses for your children, it will also give us valuable information as to how we are doing in comparison to other high schools so that we can ensure the improvements we make are of the utmost benefit to all students. The data from the Aspire also help us to guide students as they make selections about honors, AP, or Concurrent Enrollment courses to ensure they have the prerequisite skills to be successful. Students with IEP and 504 accommodations will be given extended time on these exams according to the specifics of their accommodations as well as any other accommodations that would apply to standardized testing administration.

During the week of the 22nd, we will be on a modified bell schedule to accommodate the 90-minute and 60-minute blocks of testing that are required for these four tests. If your child is absent during that week, we will be completing make-ups in the following weeks to ensure that we meet the state's requirement of a 95% participation rate. The bell schedule for the week of April 22nd is included on the back of this letter for your reference. We will also post this bell schedule to our website, and we will email it out again the Friday prior to testing.

If you have further questions about the Aspire test, you may contact your child's assistant principal or myself, and we would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Wendy J. Dau, Principal

ACT Aspire Plus Schedule

Day 1: Monday, April 22nd (B Day)

Period	Time	Duration (Minutes)
5 th	7:55-9:35	100
6 th	9:40-10:50	70
1 st lunch 7 th	10:50-11:25 11:30-1:10	35 100
7 th 2 nd lunch	10:55-12:35 12:35-1:10	100 35
8 th	1:15-2:25	70

**** Aspire Exams will only be administered during 5th and 7th periods on this day.**

Day 2: Tuesday, April 23rd (A Day)

Period	Time	Duration (Minutes)
1 st	7:55-9:35	100
2 nd	9:40-10:50	70
1 st lunch 3 rd	10:50-11:25 11:30-1:10	35 100
3 rd 2 nd lunch	10:55-12:35 12:35-1:10	100 35
4 th	1:15-2:25	70

**** Aspire Exams will be administered during 1st and 3rd periods on this day.**

Day 3: Wednesday, April 24th (B Day)

Period	Time	Duration (Minutes)
5 th	7:55-9:05	70
6 th	9:10-10:50	100
1 st lunch 7 th	10:50-11:25 11:30-12:40	35 70
7 th 2 nd lunch	10:55-12:05 12:05-12:40	70 35
8 th	12:45-2:25	100

**** Aspire Exams will be administered during 6th and 8th periods on this day.**

Day 4: Thursday, April 25th (A Day)

Period	Time	Duration (Minutes)
1 st	7:55-9:05	70
2 nd	9:10-10:50	100
1 st lunch 3 rd	10:50-11:25 11:30-12:40	35 70
3 rd 2 nd lunch	10:55-12:05 12:05-12:40	70 35
4 th	12:45-2:25	100

**** Aspire Exams will be administered during 2nd and 4th periods on this day.**