

Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Joan Gabelmann, I am the Director of Assessment for Lawton Public Schools. Each spring semester, school districts across the state participate in the Oklahoma State Department of Education Assessment Program (OSTP). All students enrolled in grades 6-8 for the 2020-2021 school year take part in spring assessments to meet federal and state law requirements for public schools' accountability. The required, state-mandated tests are comprised of online ELA and Math for grades 6-8 as well as Writing and Science for grade 8.

Virtual and traditional students will take these assessments in person at their home school sites. All LPS middle schools and Lawton virtual schools are working together to make sure your students are tested in the right location and CDC guidelines are in place to keep students safe during testing sessions.

To alleviate any confusion, each school site will send reminders prior to the beginning of state assessments scheduled to begin April 6. Testing information is also located on the LPS website as well as each school site's webpages and social media accounts.

School site Building Test Coordinators have graciously communicated with students regarding spring testing. If you have any questions concerning state-mandated assessments, please, contact your home school site and speak with the site Building Test Coordinator:

CMS: Mrs. P. Campbell – 580-355-8544

EMS: Mrs. S. Ledford, Mr. R. Ledford, and/or Mrs. V. Apple – 580-353-1040

MMS: Mr. S. Schraner – 580-353-5111

TMS: Mr. A. Terrill and/or Mrs. K. Isham – 580-585-6416

Lawton Virtual AM/PM Middle: Mrs. K. Collins and/or Mr. Marty McKelvey – 580-215-0255

Lawton Virtual Academy: Mr. N. Gallimore – 580-353-4903

Thank you for letting LPS serve the needs of your children. Students, thank you for working hard to succeed. I look forward to working with you throughout the testing process.

Regards,

Joan Gabelmann

Director of Assessment

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