



Dear Parents:

From March 27-31, 2017, all students in grades 3-11 will be taking the *Iowa Assessments*[®].

Information about your child's academic achievement is needed to help them excel and succeed. The *Iowa Assessments* make this possible by providing detailed information about your child in a variety of important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* help determine how students are performing on the state curriculum as described in the Iowa Core.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* measure student growth and progress from year to year.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* help teachers identify a student's strengths and identify areas that may need additional emphasis. The assessments produce information that enable sound decision making and provide a focus for teachers to evaluate their instruction.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* provide information about your child's performance relative to the school, the state of Iowa, and the nation.

Using the results of the assessment, we encourage you to work together with your child's teacher to identify and address educational needs. The results will help prepare your child for the next step on their educational path.

