

April 6, 2009

Dear FWHS Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We are preparing for another round of WASL testing in April. Here is some important information you should know about the Math and Science WASL.

### Math WASL: Monday and Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

- **ALL 10<sup>th</sup> graders are REQUIRED TO TAKE THE MATH WASL.** Students will be notified about testing locations in their advisory classes this week. This information will also be posted around the school.
  
- **ALL 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders** who have already taken the Math WASL and not passed are **no longer required to take the Math WASL each year** (this is a recent change). **ALL 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders** who have not passed the Math WASL or a Math WASL alternative **MUST STILL EARN 1.0 math credit each year until they graduate (2.0 total math credits after 10<sup>th</sup> grade year).**
  - **Why do we recommend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders still take the Math WASL?**
    - Students who pass the Math WASL in 11<sup>th</sup> grade are not required to take a math class as a 12<sup>th</sup> grader. (However, certain colleges might require math in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade year. Check with your counselor).
    - Students who pass the Math WASL in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to earn a Certificate of Academic Achievement from the state, providing they passed the Reading and Writing WASL.
    - 11<sup>th</sup> graders who are applying for the *GET Ready for Math and Science Conditional Scholarship* must earn a score of 4 on the Math or Science WASL. Please see Ms. Boone in the library if you have questions about this scholarship.
    - Students who pass the Math WASL are eligible for a WASL Bump: students can improve a grade from a 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade math class OR retrieve math credit from a 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade math class.
  - **What if an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grader chooses not to take the Math WASL?**
    - Due to the advantages of taking and passing the Math WASL, all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be scheduled into testing sites. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who choose NOT to take the Math WASL will OPT OUT. Please complete and detach the OPT OUT form below and return to your math teacher tomorrow IF you plan to OPT OUT of the Math WASL.
  - **What is the schedule during the Math and Science WASL?**
    - See the WASL schedule on the back.
    - Please call Joan Wrigley at 253-945-5551 with any WASL questions.

**Science WASL: Monday and Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>**

- **ALL 10<sup>th</sup> graders are REQUIRED TO TAKE THE SCIENCE WASL.** Students will be notified about testing locations in their advisory classes this week. This information will also be posted around the school.

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**OPT OUT FORM (Detach and return to Math Teacher tomorrow)**

My child is an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grader. We have discussed the information above and have decided to OPT OUT of the Math WASL on April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>. This means my child will NOT TAKE the Math WASL on April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Student Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature  
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