



Sumter High School

# SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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April 23, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

All students enrolled in English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology I, & U. S. History and the Constitution in South Carolina will take a standardized test at the end of each course. The End of Course Examination Program (EOCEP) is a statewide assessment program of end of course tests for specific courses in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The EOCEP encourages instruction in the specific academic standards for the courses, increases student achievement, and documents the level of students' mastery of the academic standards. EOCEP examination scores count **20 percent** in the calculation of the student's final grade in the courses.

Below is the schedule for the Spring 2019 EOCEP:

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| - Thursday, May 9   | English I Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA) Writing               |
| - Monday, May 13    | *Field Test* English II Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA) Writing |
| - Tuesday, May 14   | *Field Test* English II                                       |
| - Monday, May 20    | English I   |
| - Tuesday, May 21   | Algebra I   |
| - Wednesday, May 22 | Biology I   |
| - Thursday, May 23  | U.S. History and the Constitution                             |

The best preparation for testing is the rigorous instruction that your child has received throughout the year in his/her classroom. We are also preparing our students for state testing by helping them to develop test taking strategies and by familiarizing them with the format of the tests – two areas that can prevent students from demonstrating what they already know. Please speak to your child about the test experience. It is important that students approach the test with seriousness and confidence. We count on your support in the following ways:

- Students must be present and on time.
- Students must **NOT** bring into the testing location any electronic devices.
- Students that have Chrome Books should bring them fully charged each day for testing.
- Medical appointments and other out-of-school functions should not be scheduled during testing hours. If your child arrives at school after testing has begun, he/she will be escorted to an assigned area in order not to disrupt the testing environment for the other students. He/she will then take the missed test during make-up testing times or during the next scheduled class.
- Please help alleviate any anxieties your child may have about the testing and encourage him/her to take the test seriously and to put forth their best effort.
- Please ensure that your child eats a wholesome, nutritious breakfast each day.
- Please ensure that your child is well rested and ready to do his/her best work.

If you have any questions about testing, please speak with your child's teacher or the School Test Coordinator (STC) at (803) 481-4480.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nicole Fuller, Assistant Principal/School Test Coordinator

Mr. Nicholas Pearson, Principal

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