



Sumter High School

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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May 5, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

All students enrolled in Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 1 & U. S. History 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. The test is scheduled as follows:

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| - May 15 | English I |
| - May 16 | Algebra I |
| - May 17 | Biology I |
| - May 18 | U. S. History |
| - May 19 | English I TDA |

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. **If your child needs additional practice, they can log into their USATestPrep account and work on any of the EOCEP core areas skills.**

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.**
- 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 in their best effort.
- Please ensure that your child eats a wholesome, nutritious breakfast each day, 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 site testing coordinator at (803) 481-4480.

Sincerely,

Keisha Scriven
Assistant Principal/STC Testing Coordinator

Nicholas Pearson
Principal

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