



January 30, 2012

Dear Parents,

The state-mandated AIMS Writing and AIMS Reading tests will be administered during the month of February. All students are required to take these exams starting their Sophomore year until the student "Meets the Standard" as set by the Arizona Department of Education. Students testing include ALL sophomores, juniors and seniors still needing to "Meet the Standards" on one or more AIMS test and any Juniors who have signed up to try and "Exceed the Standards". Sign up for Juniors to try and exceed in Writing, Reading, and Math were held during the month of January. Freshman students will not be testing during the month of February.

Arizona Department of Education has determined the high school Writing and Reading AIMS tests will be administered on the following dates:

**Writing Tuesday, February 28, 2012**  
**Reading Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

**THERE WILL BE A CHANGE TO OUR SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE**

Gilbert Public Schools will administer the AIMS Writing and Reading tests starting at 7:30am. Mesquite High School will use the late-start schedule below to accommodate our regular classes. All students should report for regular classes at **11:05 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>**. If non-testing students arrive on campus before conclusion of AIMS testing, they will be sent to the cafeteria.

If your student is going to be absent from regular classes due to EVIT classes or work schedules please remember parents must call our attendance office to excuse their students.

Morning EVIT students who must test will be excused from their EVIT classes on test days. There will be no "A" hour classes on testing days.

Please ensure that your son/daughter is aware of the importance of these exams, as they are part of Arizona's graduation requirements. Also, please make sure your child is aware of the test dates and class schedule adjustments.

<b>Tuesday, February 28, 2012</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 29, 2012</b>
No A hour classes	No A hour classes
AIMS Writing Test 7:30—10:50	AIMS Reading Test 7:30— 9:45
5 <sup>th</sup> 11:05—11:30	1 <sup>st</sup> 10:00—10:34
4 <sup>th</sup> 11:35—12:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> 10:39—11:13
1 <sup>st</sup> 12:05—12:30	3 <sup>rd</sup> 11:18—11:52
2 <sup>nd</sup> 12:35—1:00	4 <sup>th</sup> 11:57—12:32
3 <sup>rd</sup> 1:05— 1:30	5 <sup>th</sup> 12:37— 1:12
6 <sup>th</sup> 1:35— 2:00	6 <sup>th</sup> 1:17— 1:51
7 <sup>th</sup> 2:05— 2:30	7 <sup>th</sup> 1:56— 2:30

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BUSES**

Buses will run double routes on test days to pick up non-testers at regular bus stops. On Tuesday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, non-testing students will be picked up at their regular bus stops exactly **3.5 hours** later than their normal pick-up times. On Wednesday, Feb 29<sup>th</sup> students will be picked up exactly **2 hours** later than their normal pick-up times. EVIT buses will run on their regular schedule.

Information regarding the testing schedule and busing for AIMS Mathematics, Science and the Stanford 10 will be sent at a later date.

- The AIMS Mathematics and Stanford 10 Testing date is Tuesday, April 10, 2012
- The AIMS Science testing date is Wednesday, April 11, 2012

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our AIMS testing coordinator, Christine Kelly at 480-632-4750 x1142.