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Standardized Assessments:

In accordance with federal, state and school district law, we at East Side must administer standardized tests each year to determine proficiency levels in Language Arts Literacy, Mathematics and Science.

In order to provide a well-balanced view of students' individual growth, East Side utilizes a large variety of different measures to assess student progress toward specific learning goals where it is analyzed and classified by student areas of strength and challenges which then makes powerful teaching decisions. Teachers use a variety of informal and formal assessments throughout the year; these ongoing authentic assessments provide a comprehensive portrait to the development of the child academically. Once results have been reviewed, it allows for the improvement in student learning, while establishing a learning goal and objective. Teachers are then given the opportunity to make improvements in their teaching methods to ensure student success.

Throughout the year, students are given different standardized assessments that allow us the ability to gain valuable insight and to check the quality of the curriculum which assess student performance. We at East Side High School look at our assessment data and determine

what we are doing well in our educational continuum and where we need to invest more time and resources. These exams (SAT, PSAT, PARCC, NJSLA, AP and IB) are created by a neutral source which give us the data that we can utilize to compare to other independent schools across the US and other international schools across the globe.

Students are also able to create a College Board Account and access their SAT/PSAT scores which allows students the opportunity to get customized services that help them move towards college and career.

The main vehicles used to formally document student progress made throughout the school year with parents occurs during our orientations, Report Card night, Parent Teacher Conferences and via mailings sent home. Parents are also able to understand their child's test PARCC results by going to <http://understandthescore.org/>- this score report gives parents a snapshot of how their child is progressing towards meeting grade-level expectations and mastering important skills.

Additionally, to get the full understanding of State Testing requirements, parents are encouraged to visit

<http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/parents/>.