

# ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Elmwood Park Public Schools remains committed to providing a high-quality education that prepares its students for college and career success. School districts throughout the State of New Jersey continue to face unprecedented challenges in providing teaching and learning during the 2020-2021 school year. Since the pandemic began to affect the operations of schools in March 2020, not only has the way teachers instruct their students been affected, but also the way students are assessed to determine the skills and knowledge they have obtained.

The Elmwood Park School District will be using Measuring Up for grades 3-8 and LinkIt! in the high school to administer benchmark assessments. These assessment platforms help us monitor student growth, develop paths of instruction and help us monitor student progress.

Students in grades 3-10 will be taking an assessment in English Language Arts and Mathematics and students in grades 5, 8 and 11 will be taking a Science assessment from May 3rd through May 28th. The assessment should take 45 minutes to an hour and a half for each subject and student will be taking their assessment during their regular class time.


In the event that students need to test remotely, please allow your child to complete these assessments independently. Helping with the technology is okay and encouraged. This will give us a more accurate picture of how your child is progressing through the curriculum and provide data on where we can provide more personalized instruction.

These diagnostic assessments are different from classroom tests or quizzes. Expect that your child will receive questions they will struggle with and that we do not expect them to answer everything correctly. The assessments will give questions above and below your child's expected level of knowledge in order to determine his or her level of understanding. If your child appears "stuck", encourage them to make a good choice and move on.

We're asking for your trust that the best ways to help us meet your child's unique needs this year are to help prepare them before and support them during the assessments. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to grow your child's learning in this unprecedented time.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this notice, please contact your child's principal.

Regards,



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