

# **SOUTHGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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## **State Assessment Update**

Parents,

In 2009 The Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1, which ushered in the education era known as Unbridled Learning. This legislation addressed many areas including-what students should learn, what will be tested, how subjects will be tested, when tests are given, what should comprise the public school accountability system and more. A hallmark of the system was the annual K-PREP assessment.

Last spring, the General Assembly passed a new Senate Bill 1. This version made many changes to the old system including the 2017 K-PREP assessment. Two of the immediate changes were to eliminate Program Reviews from accountability and remove the writing assessment from 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Results of the 2017 K-PREP assessment are now available on the Kentucky School Report Card website <https://applications.education.ky.gov/SRC/>. Included at this link is a video message from Dr. Stephen Pruitt, Kentucky Commissioner of Education, explaining the changes in the accountability system and giving an overview of the incoming system. You will also be able to access the Southgate School District Report Card from this link.

You will notice there is not a school index score, ranking, or label for the 2017 assessment. This is part of the change to the new system. What you will find is information regarding how our students performed on individual assessments within the school report card.

Overall our students demonstrate a very good level of academic growth over their course of time at Southgate School. We continue to work to reduce the number of students performing at novice levels and increase the number scoring at the proficient and distinguished levels. Our ultimate goal continues to be to prepare students for high school and beyond academically and socially. We want our students to value their education and the effort, persistence, and determination it takes to become proficient. Along the way we want them to grow as individuals and demonstrate the skills and character traits that will carry them through their lives. This is in our school mission statement, *academic success and strong character for every student every day*.

As in years past, your child will receive a report about their performance on the 2017 state assessment. These reports will be sent home when they become available.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** are set for Wednesday, October 11, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You should have received information from your child's teacher regarding setting up a conference time. During this conference you will receive your child's first quarter report card, Fall MAP assessment results, and for grades 3-8, either their K-PREP assessment report if available, or you will be told how they performed on the assessment. Please plan to attend.

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