



# JIM THORPE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Spring 2020 Keystone assessments were cancelled and are currently rescheduled for Fall and Winter 2020. Keystone assessments are still a graduation requirement and as such, the Jim Thorpe Area School District will administer the following keystones this Fall. Please keep in mind that the district is doing its best to test the students while being cognizant of safety measures as well as the hybrid and OLC learning options of students. We are asking that you help us in being in compliance with state and federal mandates. Please read carefully!

### **OLC Student Schedule - Friday**

**October 2nd:** Alg. I - Online (For OLC students who took Alg. I as 8th graders in 19-20)

### **Hybrid Student Schedule**

**October 5th:** Alg. I - Online (For Monday - Tuesday students who took Alg. I as 8th graders in 19-20)

**October 7th:** Alg. I - Online (For Wednesday - Thursday students who took Alg. I as 8th graders in 19-20)

As with all state testing, test security and protocol must be followed as per the guidelines set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The Jim Thorpe Area School District takes all test procedures and protocols seriously and as such would like to inform you of the following guidelines established in regards to cell phones, cameras, and/or other electronic devices and a recent medical emergency, specifically, concussions.

**Cell Phones, Cameras and/or Other Electronic Devices:** All cell phones, cameras, and other electronic devices will be collected by the test administrator prior to testing and returned after the test session ends. A student caught with a cell phone, camera and/or other electronic device during testing time will have the device confiscated, and in the presence of the parent/guardian, the cell phone or other electronic device will be viewed to ensure that no information or material regarding the assessment is present. The student will be disciplined and that discipline will vary depending on whether the test material has been compromised. Parents and students may be responsible for the cost of replacing compromised test items. Additionally, the student will not have that assessment scored and may be required to take a different version of said assessments.

Still in place this year is the procedure for a recent medical emergency, specifically concussion. If your child received a concussive injury and is under doctor care, medical documentation stating that the student may not participate in standardized testing must be submitted to the school within two weeks to the start of the testing window in order to excuse the student from that testing window. Students will then be enrolled for that assessment during the next testing session.

Thanks for your continued support in the Keystone assessments and for helping us to maintain test security and protocol. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the high school office/guidance (570-325-3663) or the district office (570-325-3691), and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have concerning the Keystone assessment

Mr. John Rushefski, Superintendent