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Spring 2014 SAGE Summative Testing Results

Dear Families,

In the spring of 2014, your student took one or more of the SAGE tests in grades 3-11 in English language arts, mathematics and science. These tests were designed to measure their knowledge and skills on the Utah Core Standards. These standards reflect the expectations for what students should know and be able to do by the end of grade or course and be on track for college and career readiness after graduation.

Along with the Utah Core Standards, educators have also established proficiency levels on the tests. Proficiency levels determine a “passing score” for the test. These passing scores have been set to identify the level of preparation for the next grade or course and on track for college and career. Proficiency levels are divided into four categories: Highly Proficient, Proficient, Approaching Proficient, and Below Proficient.

Your student’s score will also be reported with a scaled score. A scaled score is a number from 100-900 for each test. This allows you to compare the subject results from year to year. Schools will provide you an interpretive guide along with their test results to further explain a student’s SAGE scores.

The passing score for SAGE is more challenging than in prior tests, and it is anticipated that many students may receive lower scores than they did in the past, and that fewer students will be proficient. This is not a reflection of decreased student achievement, rather, it reflects an increase in expectations. It is important to remember that SAGE results are one of many student performance indicators; including class quizzes, homework assignments, projects and other day-to-day learning activities.

In the fall of 2014, schools and districts will begin preparing to provide individual student reports to families. Families can expect to receive their student’s information sometime in the next couple of months according to school and district timelines. School representatives will be available to explain the new reports and interpretive guides will be provided. Along with Utah educators, you can work together using this data to improve your child’s post high school success. If your student is not yet proficient on one or more of the SAGE assessments, please talk to his or her teacher about the plan to get them there.

Utah State Office of Education and your student’s school are dedicated to working with you helping to understand the new score reports and providing clarifying information. Please contact your local schools for additional information.

Sincerely,

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