



Hudsonville Public Schools



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TO: Parents of Third and Fifth Grade Students

FROM: Sue Curro, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

RE: Iowa Test of Basic Skills

Your child will be involved in taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills the week of March 8. This is a norm-referenced assessment which measures our students against third and fifth grade students across the country in areas of English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. This assessment will also provide us with information on each child's verbal and non-verbal reasoning skills. The ITBS is different than the state MEAP assessment, as the MEAP measures our state curriculum standards only.

The results from the ITBS will provide another resource of information to compare to MEAP results and daily classroom performance when making important curriculum decisions, including necessary support services. Hudsonville Public Schools is committed to making sure we know everything we can about each student in order to provide the best educational opportunity.

As parents, you will be provided with the results of your child's performance some time before the end of the school year.