



## Parkland Magnet Middle School for Aerospace Technology

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Dear Parkland Families,

This letter is to inform you of the upcoming dates for state testing at Parkland. All students in grades 6-8 will take the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) for English/Language Arts and Math. Eighth grade students will also take the Science MCAP and the Social MCAP. Classroom instruction will continue when students do not have exams. The bell and classroom schedule will be modified throughout testing, however, school is still from 8:15-3pm. All students will also take the MSDE Student Survey (please see the second page for more information on the survey) as well.

Assessment Title	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Practice/Prep	Dates
Science MCAP	8th grade Science	Four 40 minute sessions	<a href="#">Link to Released Practice Questions</a>	March 3-12 <b>in Science classes</b>
MCAP Math/ELA Kickoff	Test Schedule Information MSDE Student Survey	Approximately 45 minutes	<a href="#">Link to article on test taking strategies</a>	April 3 ( <b>Afternoon</b> ) & April 4 ( <b>Morning</b> )
English Language Arts/Literacy MCAP	Grades 6 - 8	Four 70-minute sections	Newsela	April 7 - April 10 <b>(Morning between 8:15-10:00 am)</b> . <i>Students will then go to their regular classes.</i>
Math MCAP	6th, 7th and 8th grade Math, Algebra and Geometry	Four 40 minute sessions	<a href="#">IXL</a>	April 28 & May 7 <b>in Math classes</b>
Social Studies MCAP	8th grade Social Studies	Four 40 minute sessions	Newsela	May 8 - 19 <b>in Social Studies classes</b>

Please ensure that your child gets a good night's rest before the tests and comes to school on time. ***Please make every effort to schedule appointments and/or trips on days that your child is not testing.*** Any day that a student misses an exam, we will work with them to schedule a make-up exam during the make-up days. We appreciate your support during these important assessments. Should you have questions, you can reach me at [Madhuri\\_Tallapragada@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Madhuri_Tallapragada@mcpsmd.org).

Sincerely,

Madhuri Tallapragada

Assistant Principal  
School Testing Coordinator



Dear parent/guardian:

State law requires that all public schools in Maryland survey students about school climate. The purpose of the MSDE survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school's learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning.

Students will take the Maryland School Survey during regular school hours between 8:15am-3:00pm. The survey will ask students about topics such as student engagement, interactions with adults and with other students in the school, the school environment, bullying, and safety. The survey will not ask about a student's personal experiences, and students will not be asked to provide any information that might violate their privacy.

The survey is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. The responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school, and results will be reported for each school and district.

We are eager to receive this very important information about your student's school and about schools across the state.