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Mize Attendance Center
Taylorsville Attendance Center
Raleigh Elementary School
Raleigh High School
Smith County Career Center
Smith County Alternative Education

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Smith County School District receives funds for education programs that are part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) as amended (2015). This law requires that all states adopt challenging academic standards and tests based on those standards. There must be at least three levels of scores for students who take these tests. This includes tests in mathematics, reading or language arts, science, and any other subject chosen by the State. States are required to develop English language proficiency tests for students who are English learners.

Proficiency in a language is a measure of a person's ability to understand and communicate in that language or in a person's preferred mode of communication. Furthermore, States must develop alternate tests for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. A school district may also request State approval to use a locally selected test for high school students that is different from the State test.

These academic tests provide important information that help teachers, school districts and states identify students' strengths and weaknesses. Test results and other information are used to improve academic and language instruction for students. These tests are also used to identify schools that may be in need of extra support to improve student achievement. It is the goal of the Smith County School District to have all students participate in state and local testing.

You have the right to request to receive any State or District policy about student participation in any of these tests required by the ESSA. If you request this information, the district must provide it to you. Parents may contact the school to request a schedule of assessments on the following page. Results will be disseminated either by sending home with students or releasing to parents at a parent/teacher conference night with report cards or open house.

If you have any questions about the State testing, District testing, or both, please contact staff members listed below at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carlee Leggett