

Blackburn Middle School's

# PANTHER NEWS

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April, 2022 State Test Edition

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## IT'S STATE TESTING TIME AT BLACKBURN!

Dear Parents,

Upon our return from Easter break, we will begin "Waging War on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP)" at Blackburn! This is an annual, computer-based assessment that measures student progress from grades 6 through 8 in ELA and mathematics and 8th grade Science and Algebra I.

MAAP assessments are designed to let you know how your child is progressing, and to give teachers more information to guide instruction. Parents, we need you to encourage your child to do their best on each assessment! In addition, we would also like you to encourage your scholar to strive for perfect attendance during the next few weeks of testing. Recite our Blackburn student oath each day with your scholar:

*I will do my best at every challenge I face,  
By handling myself with dignity and grace.  
I will try my hardest in everything I pursue,  
And put forth effort in everything I do.  
From the sunniest days to the darkest clouds,*

*I will do everything in my power to make my school, community, and family proud!*

Let's work together to make our MAAP testing experience a success!

In the Spirit of Excellence,

Mr. Glenn Kane, Principal



*Waging War on MAAP -*

# **BLACKBURN MAAP STATE TESTING SCHEDULE!**

**DAILY TESTING TIME: 8:45 AM**

**TEST ADMINISTRATION: APRIL 4, 2022 - MAY 20, 2022**

## **Blackburn's State Testing Days:**

April 26 - May 20, 2022



### **Testing Schedule**

Part 1: 8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Lunch: Noon - 12:45 p.m.



Makeup testing will occur in the afternoon sessions of testing days;  
contact your child's teacher: Blackburn middle school  
(601) 960-5329 for more info!

# Blackburn Middle School State Testing Dates



- April 27, 2022, Algebra 1, 8th Grade
  - May 3, 2022, Science - 8th Grade
  - May 4, 2022, ELA Pt 1, 6th -8th Grade
  - May 5, 2022, ELA Pt 2 6th - 8th Grade
  - May 10, 2022, Math, 6th - 8th Grade
  - May 11, 2022, Math 6th - 8th Grade ( in the event of connectivity issues)
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## What Students Need for Testing:



- *Charged Chromebook/charger*
- *2- #2 pencils (sharpened)*
- *Wear your school uniform*
- *Wear a clean mask*
- *Wear or bring a light jacket*



***Students don't need to bring:***

- ***Cell phones/ Apple watches/electronics, etc. are not allowed.***

## **Term 3 Honors and Awards**

**Friday, April 29, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**



**Join us for our Term 3 honors and awards program where we will recognize our outstanding scholars for Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Outstanding Growth and Proficiency and many more accomplishments! Enjoy a fantastic strings, band and choir performance from our scholars! Invitations will be coming home soon!**

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# Scholar Chromebook Check 1-2-3!



## ATTENTION PARENTS!

In preparation for state testing, please check your student's device to be certain that it is in good condition!

Per JPS policy, when it is time to return the device at the end of the school year, you must return the device and full power cord.

- You will be charged \$50 if the power cord is not returned
- You will be charged \$40 for the first occurrence of damage.
- You will be charged \$410 if the device is not returned.

### TALK TO US

Mrs. Armstrong at 601-960-5329  
ext.5264



## ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS OF UPCOMING 7TH GRADERS!

### T-DAP VACCINES ARE REQUIRED BY MS LAW FOR ALL STUDENTS ADVANCING TO THE 7TH GRADE.

Attention Parents:

Per MS Law, 7th graders are required to have their T-DAP Vaccines!

If your child will be a 7th grader in the 2022-2023 school year, it is **MANDATORY** that they have the vaccine and a copy of their 121 form.



## ATTENTION: IS YOUR SCHOLAR UP TO DATE ON IMMUNIZATIONS?

Go to MYIR Mobile  
([myirmobile.com](http://myirmobile.com))

You can print or save, email the 121 from a computer or a smartphone.

If you need assistance, please call the DOH at 601-576-7751



## Simple things that can help students do their best on MAAP include:



- Getting good sleep (and rest).

- Eating healthy breakfasts (since testing is usually done first thing on testing days).
- Giving encouragement (without increasing pressure some students may already feel).
- Making sure students arrive at school on time.



Take a picture of the QR code to complete the application!



Summer Camp Registration Deadline: April 29, 2022

**S.T.E.A.M. Expo Event**

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**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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**Register for the event here!**