

# NORTH BORDER SCHOOL DISTRICT #100

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North Border Walhalla Students and Families:

NDSA (North Dakota State Assessments) have been scheduled and will be coming up in the next five to six weeks. Tests are given in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. NDSA Science is administered in grades 4, 8, and 10. These are computer-based tests.

**Students-** Please know we have seen how hard you have worked. Please know that these tests are one snapshot in time. They do not, and never will, define your worth. They cannot measure how creative, funny, kind, generous, or caring you are. They cannot measure your artistic abilities. They cannot measure the joy you bring to others in your life. We think the world of you for who you are. We are proud of you. We know you will do your best, but please do not let this test stress you out.

**Families--** Your child will take their NDSA test in the next month or so. This can be an incredibly stressful time for kids. Please know that you have raised children that all have bright futures in front of them. Our kids are amazing and show us growth every single day. We are so proud of all of our students. One way parents can assist us is to provide some reassurance at home. Remind them of how proud of them you are. Help them remember that this is just one snapshot in time of what they know, and that nobody will ever use this test to judge their self worth.

Keeping a regular sleep schedule and eating a good breakfast is also important to help minimize stress, and will help your student do their best work.

We are a school that focuses on learning, growth, and relationships. We continually focus on growing the whole child. While the state has deemed these tests as a determining factor of our success, and though we will treat them seriously, please know that we understand that every child has their own version of success and we will work tirelessly to bring out the best in every one of our children we serve. Sometimes that can't be measured with a standardized test.

Sincerely,

Nick Amb  
Elementary Principal  
District Assessment Coordinator  
North Border Schools

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