Request for Parent Input -- Ohio’s State Tests Performance Standards Confirmation

The State Board of Education adopts performance standards for the Ohio’s State Tests that are used to determine whether a student meets the proficiency level. Because of the importance of the performance standards, the Board’s Assessment and Accountability Committee has directed the Ohio Department of Education to conduct a confirmation process to review where the performance levels are set for the English language arts and mathematics tests.

Achieving a proficient level on a state test has significant impact for students and families. As part of the review process, the Ohio Department of Education is seeking input from parents around the meaning of performance standards for their children as they progress in school and as they prepare for life beyond high school.

We are looking for parents to participate in six virtual discussion committees. Participants should have online access for viewing the meeting information virtually, but video capability is not required. There will be six separate interactive discussions with parent committees, and they will take place on the following dates and times.

- Elementary School (grades 3-5) ELA will be on Tuesday, October 27, 10am – 11:30am.
- Middle School (grades 6-8) ELA will be on Wednesday, October 28, 10am – 11:30am.
- High School ELA will be on Thursday, October 29, 10am – 11:30am.
- Elementary School (grades 3-5) Math will be on Tuesday, October 27, 10am – 11:30am.
- Middle School (grades 6-8) Math will be on Wednesday, October 28, 10am – 11:30am.
- High School Math will be on Thursday, October 29, 10am – 11:30am.

Information from this discussion will be shared with educator committees as they take a technical look at how the performance levels were originally set. Finally, the State Board will receive a report on the feedback from parents and the outcomes of the educator review committees as board members evaluate whether the performance levels are accurately determining whether a student is proficient in English language arts and math.

If you are interested in participating on one of these parent discussion committees you may complete the online application located at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/standardsparentgroup2020
Please be sure to identify your subject and grade band preference. Applications for these parent discussion committees must be submitted by 4:00pm on Friday, October 16th. Applicants selected to participate will be notified during the week of October 19th. Logistical information about the meetings will be sent to participants when they are notified of their committee status. Please be sure to also include an active email address for notifications.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Assessment at statetests@education.ohio.gov or call Dr. Marie-Elena Hall at 614-306-3467.

Questions on the Nomination Form:

This particular parent nomination form is really quick.
1. Contact information
2. District/School information the nominee’s student(s) currently attend or attended.
3. Content area (ELA or Math) for the committee wanting to serve on.
4. Grade band (3-5, 6-8, high school) for the committee wanting to serve on.
5. Role of the person completing the form (self-nomination or nominating someone else)
6. IF nominating someone else, that person’s contact info
7. Gender (optional)
8. Ethnicity (optional)