Polk School District: Preparation of Standardized Assessment

Polk School District administers a rigorous and comprehensive assessment program in accordance with the Georgia Student Assessment guidelines. Results of the assessments are used to analyze student achievement relative to Georgia state standards, to identify students failing to achieve mastery of content, and to provide diagnostic information. Administrators and faculty are preparing students for state required testing by informing parents and students of test schedules, providing students with adequate tools for preparation, and instructing students in using innovative strategies for optimizing testing skills.

Students in the 3rd through 8th grades of Polk School District will participate in the Georgia Criterion Referenced Test (CRCT). The CRCT will be administered on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 9th,
Thursday, April 10th,
Friday, April 11
Monday, April 14,
Tuesday, April 15

Students in the 9th through 12th grades will participate in the End of the Course Test (EOCT) May 19th through 23rd. The EOCT provides diagnostic information to help students identify strengths and areas of need in learning.
Teachers are providing students with numerous test prep tools, both online and traditional, that will assist students with studying specific skills of various subjects for assessments. For the CRCT students have several online tools available to use both at home and in the classroom. These tools are Study Island, IXL, Classworks, and Learn Zillion. Traditional tools consist of the CRCT study guides provided by the state. Test prep tools for the EOCT include USA Test Prep, Study Island, and Classworks. The Georgia Department of Education also provides students with study guides on the GaDOE website.

Faculty members are also working with students in providing them with strategies to complete the assessments. One strategy that many teachers are using is called UNRAAVEL. This strategy can be used in areas that require reading comprehension as well as completing word problems in math (UNRAAVEL MATH). Other test strategies that are used can be located at Time for Learning: Pointers for Test Preparation, Tips for Taking Standardized Tests, and Test Taking Tips for the CRCT.

Polk School District is committed to preparing all students in Polk County for all state mandated tests by informing parents and guardians of the testing schedules, providing students with various types of test prep tools, and arming students with research based strategies to successfully complete assessments. Please continue to check our website for updates on testing information.