



# BUNKER HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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*"Bulldog...It's more than our mascot; it's our character"*

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Dear Families of Students in Cohorts A, B, and D:

WTPS utilizes STAR Reading and Math screening and benchmarking tools to support teachers in planning instruction. You should have received a district letter further explaining STAR and how this assessment is utilized. However, slight revisions have been made to the testing dates and times.

In order to maximize in-person instructional time in the hybrid schedule, we plan to assign the STAR Reading and Math assessments to your child either **remotely or in-person** as follows.

- **Cohort A students** will take STAR Reading in-person and **STAR Math remotely**.
- **Cohort B students** will take STAR Math in-person and **STAR Reading remotely**.
- **Cohort D students** will take both **the STAR Reading and Math** assessments **remotely**.

For more information on **remote STAR testing**, please refer to the following:

- [Click HERE for Remote STAR Family Guide](#) Please disregard the section about *Star Early Literacy*, as your child will not take this assessment. Also, students will not be asked to enter a monitor password on assigned tests.
- [Click HERE for Remote STAR video](#)

## **TESTING SCHEDULE:**

All students taking the STAR **remotely** will be assigned to take the assessment **on the same date and time as their in-person classmates**. The average time to take each test is approximately 30 minutes. In order to monitor testing of all students, your child will receive a Webex link from his or her ELA or Math teacher to join the class when the period begins. In-person and remote students will be prompted to begin the test at the same time.

- The STAR assessment will be administered on **October 5 or 6 for Reading** and **October 9 or 10 for Math**, following the schedules below. Your child will take the STAR Reading during his/her ELA class on Monday or Tuesday and the STAR Math during his/her math period on Thursday or Friday. Outlined below are the times remote students should login to the class Webex, depending on when your child's ELA or Math class occurs.
- **STAR Reading Assessment (Cohort A in-person; Cohort B and D remote)**

Monday, October 5 Period	Time to log into class	Tuesday, October 6 Period	Time to log into class
1	8:13	5	8:13
2	9:16	6	9:16
3	10:19	7	10:19
4	11:22	8	11:22

- **STAR Mathematics Assessment (Cohort B in-person; Cohort A and D remote)**

Thursday, October 8 Period	Time to log into class	Friday, October 9 Period	Time to log into class
1	8:13	5	8:13
2	9:16	6	9:16
3	10:19	7	10:19
4	11:22	8	11:22

### **REMOTE TESTING Guidelines:**

It is important that your child take STAR assessments **independently**, so teachers have the results they need **to plan instruction that best meets the needs of your child. STAR assessments will not impact a student's grade.** To assist your child when testing remotely, please:

- Encourage your child to stay calm and do his/her best. STAR is a computer adaptive test, so students will see challenging items they will not be able to answer. It is okay when this happens.
- Ensure your child is well-rested, had a good breakfast, and does not feel rushed.
- Provide a quiet environment that is free from distractions.
- Provide pencil and scratch paper for math work (NOT calculators).
- Stay nearby to ensure student remains focused without hovering.

### **Student Login Info:**

- On the day of the assigned test, students will login to STAR as they have in the past. Go to wtps.org – Students – Student Resources (Student Intranet) – STAR Assessments – Continue to new platform now – I'm a Student.
- Or, students can directly access the login page here: <https://global-zone20.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/16425>
- Please reach out to your child's teacher if he/she does not remember the username/password.
- Remind students to click the correct test assigned that day (i.e., STAR Math on the day math is assigned or STAR Reading on the day reading is assigned).
- Students will NOT be prompted to enter a monitor password.

**For remote testers, if your child is unable to take the assessment with his/her class during the**

**scheduled time, he or she will be able to take this test between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM on the day the test is assigned.**

Please reach out to your child's ELA or math teacher with any questions. **Thank you for supporting us in gathering this valuable data!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike D'Ostilio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike D'Ostilio, Principal