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Dear Parent or Guardian:

**Attached you will find your child’s individual Student Reports with scores from the 2024** [**Next Generation Science Standards**](https://www.nextgenscience.org/) **(NGSS) state tests.**

Each spring, students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 are tested in science to see how well they are learning compared to expectations set by the state science standards. The results can help educators determine students’ strengths and weaknesses and better focus on areas where science instruction needs improvement.

Students receive one of four performance levels: Exceeds the Achievement Standard, Meets the Achievement Standard, Approaching the Achievement Standard, or Does Not Meet the Achievement Standard. In addition to an overall score for the NGSS Assessment, students receive results for the three disciplines of science (Life, Physical, and Earth/Space). Depending on student performance, the discipline-level scores are reported as Above Standard, Approaching Standard, or Below Standard.

**What are the NGSS state tests?**

The NGSS state tests are an important measure of science education for students and school districts throughout the state. The NGSS state tests include real-world applications and questions requiring students to show that they can use science and engineering practices to demonstrate their understanding of science content. As with all statewide assessments, a variety of supports are available to all students, and additional accommodations are available for eligible students as determined by their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.

**How do the NGSS test results affect your child?**

Our teachers and administrators know we need to work together with parents and guardians to support students and help them be successful. Your child’s test results will provide their teacher with valuable information in the year ahead. If you have any questions about your student’s Individual Student Report, please contact your child’s teacher.

To find resources specifically for parents and guardians, including ways to help your child with science at home, please visit <https://www.nextgenscience.org/parentguides/>. For more information about the statewide testing in [DISTRICT NAME], please visit [INSERT DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS WEBPAGE].

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME]

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