

# Wellspring Christian Family Schools

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*"God forbid that I should forsake the inheritance of my Fathers." (1 Kings 21:3)*



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Re: **Iowa Test of Basic Skills and High School Orientation on March 11, 2020**

Dear WCFS Parent,

Enclosed is information regarding your child's upcoming achievement test to be given on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the WCFS Office** or, for those living on the Eastern Shore, at **Sunnyside Alliance Church in Secretary, Maryland**. Starting time at each location will be **9:30am** sharp, so please arrive between 9:00-9:15! The test is usually completed between 2:30-3:00pm.

**A High School Orientation will occur the same day as the test for parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are intending on entering high school this fall.** This is a very important meeting and is required for parents of new High School students, as this orientation completely covers the entire WCFS High School Handbook.

The ITBS is given to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students along with other students who have opted to take it. While it is a requirement at WCFS for all students entering high school to take the 8<sup>th</sup> grade ITBS, there is no pass or fail mark to attain. The results of this test are intended to be a roadmap to help you and your student realize his/her strengths and weaknesses and plan accordingly for high school.

To help your child do their best on the test, we encourage you and your student to discuss the subject areas being tested as well as the types of questions that are given. Then have your student complete the enclosed practice test.

To prepare your child for the **math computation** portion of the test, you might want to occasionally have a time of review when your child does as many calculations as possible in a designated time period. These should include a mixture of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. You can make up your own review sheets or find some practice pages in your math book. The goal is to work as rapidly and accurately as possible. The test allows only a short time to complete a large amount of problems (15 minutes to complete 40-45 problems). The purpose is to test how well-prepared your child is for working calmly, accurately and quickly through as many math problems as possible.

On Test Day, students should be well-rested, bring 2 sharpened #2 pencils, and a bag lunch. **No calculators will be permitted.**

We wish your student the very best and look forward to seeing you on March 11!

Blessings,

Joel Fischer  
Administrator, WCFS