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Dear Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As you are likely aware, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires school districts to give mandatory tests in different content areas. These tests are called End-of-Course (EOC) exams. Students who are enrolled in Algebra I, Biology I/Applied Biology I, English II, American Government, and 10th graders in Algebra II will be given these tests this April and May. These tests will account for 10% of a student's second semester grade.

The dates for the EOC tests are as follows: English II, April 18 - 21; Biology I, April 25-26; Government, April 27; Algebra I, May 2- 4; and Alg II, May 2-3 (10th grade). These tests will be administered in the normal class period with a modified bell schedule. Student scores should be available prior to the end of the school year and individual student reports will be sent home with the student approximately 10 days after each test is finished.

As in the past, incentives and rewards will include daily drawings for prizes, prom tickets, and other items. Next fall, students who score "Proficient" or "Advanced" will be recognized.

In addition, the ACT test is now a requirement for all 11th graders. The ACT will be administered on April 19th throughout the state of Missouri. Please make sure your 11th grader is present and arrives by 7:30 AM as students that arrive late cannot begin the test.

Attendance during testing is crucial. Adequate sleep and a good diet improve a student's performance. We wish you success on this year's tests! Nixa High School has done well each spring and hopes to continue this "winning tradition." Remember, EOC and ACT scores are important to the individual student (part of class grade, class placement decisions, scholarships, etc.) and to the school district for accreditation purposes.

Sincerely,

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