



# Black Lake Elementary School

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**Misty Hinkle**  
**Principal**

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Dear Black Lake Families:

This spring our 3rd-5th grade students will take the Smarter Balanced tests in math and English language arts. Students in grades 5 will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS).

The results from these tests will give a more accurate picture of whether students are on track to be ready for college or career.

Students will take the tests online. Our school is scheduled to take the tests on April 29, 2024 - May 22, 2024. Your student's classroom teacher will communicate their specific testing plan with you. Please see a copy of our testing schedule on the back of this letter.

Please do not send your student to school on their testing days with cell phones or smart watches. Students will not be able to have these items in the classroom during testing due to state requirements. Thank you for your help with this.

For more information about the [Smarter Balanced and WCAS](https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/testing/state-testing-overview) tests, visit: <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/testing/state-testing-overview>, and click on the name of the test.

To try out an online [Smarter Balanced practice test or WCAS training test](https://login10.cloud1.tds.cambiumast.com/student/V571/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Washington_PT&a=student), visit: [https://login10.cloud1.tds.cambiumast.com/student/V571/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Washington\\_PT&a=student](https://login10.cloud1.tds.cambiumast.com/student/V571/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Washington_PT&a=student)

Please call or email Misty Hinkle, Black Lake Elementary School Principal, if you have questions about state testing.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your student is successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support your student. We want your student to leave us with a solid foundation of skills and a future full of opportunities.

Sincerely,

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