



JAMES IRWIN CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Committed to Character Development and Academic Excellence

April 1, 2021

Dear JICHHS Parents or Guardians:

On April 13, 2021, JICHHS will administer the state required assessments to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors. While not listed on the school calendar, we will have an early student release at the following times:

9th Grade: approximate dismissal time is 11:30 a.m.

10th Grade: approximate dismissal time is noon

11th Grade: approximate dismissal time is noon (no essay) and 1:00 p.m. (with essay)

As always, JICHHS respects your right to make educational choices for your student; therefore, opting out of state assessments is available. However, I would like to encourage all parents and guardians to have their student take the required state assessments for the following reasons:

1. Colorado adopted nationally-normed assessments for all state testing: 9th grade – PSAT 8/9, 10th grade – PSAT 10, and 11th grade – SAT.
 - a. The use of the PSAT for 9th and 10th graders supports preparation for taking the SAT.
 - b. Taking the SAT in 11th grade allows students to use the scores for college and financial aid applications, and as a benchmark should they choose to study and retake the test for a higher score on their own. In addition, the SAT is one of the approved benchmark State of Colorado assessments required for graduation.
2. Having all students take the required state assessments will allow us to get an excellent benchmark as we move ahead for progress-monitoring and ensuring your student gets the best education they deserve.

If you have any questions about state testing requirements and the importance of having your student take the assessments in April, you may contact me any time.

With warm regards,

Alex Marquez, Principal