



## Scranton Elementary STEAM Academy

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child will be participating in WIDA testing. WIDA testing is an essential assessment that helps us understand our students' proficiency in English language development.

### **Testing Dates:**

- Listening: Monday, February 19
- Reading: Tuesday, February 20
- Speaking: Wednesday - Friday, February 21 - 23
- Writing: Monday and Tuesday, February 26 and 27

WIDA testing is designed to evaluate students' abilities in listening, reading, speaking, and writing in English. It provides valuable insights into their language proficiency levels and helps us tailor our instruction to better meet their needs.

Parents often ask how they can help their children during testing. Suggestions listed below will help your student(s) throughout the year. These suggestions should receive special attention when students are testing.

1. **Get Plenty of Sleep:** Adequate sleep is essential for optimal cognitive function. Make sure your child gets enough rest each night leading up to the testing days.
2. **Eat a Healthy Breakfast:** A nutritious breakfast fuels the brain and provides the energy needed for a successful day of testing. Encourage your child to eat a balanced meal before coming to school or take part in school breakfast
3. **Arrive On Time:** Punctuality is key to a smooth testing experience. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time on the testing days.
4. **Stay Positive and Supportive:** Remind your child that WIDA testing is an opportunity to showcase their language skills and that you are proud of their efforts, regardless of the outcome.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping make the WIDA testing process a success for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.