



Ignite Scholars and Families,

September 17th, 2020

Starting on Monday September 21st our 9th -11th grade scholars will be required to take part in the CERT assessment for the Ignite Institute. Some students may have received communication from their home high school regarding the CERT assessment which they should disregard. Ignite scholars need to complete the assessment through the Ignite Institute.

The **CERT assessment**, which is aligned with the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards, was designed to measure your child's proficiency in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. We use the data collected from this report to help identify gaps in learning, student growth and to identify students who may be ready for the rigors of early college classes. There is a remediation part within CERT that allows students to review concepts and take mini quizzes to determine if a student has progressed in their learning. Teachers will assign this review time for students throughout the school year. It is important for students to take their time and to do their best. The total time to complete the assessments is approximately three hours. Scholars do not need to complete all the tests in one sitting. Each college will set up a schedule for the scholars to complete each part. It is important that when you have started an assessment you must complete it in the time allotted.

#### **When do scholars take the assessment?**

Each college will determine a time for you to take the assessment so they can adjust your assignments for the week. Each college will announce their plan for the students.

#### **How many times do scholars take the assessment?**

Our plan is for the scholars to take the assessment three times during the school year. The next two assessments will occur in January and April.

#### **Where do I find the CERT assessment?**

Students will assess the program through the same District Programs Dashboard that they use to access their CANVAS and Edgenuity Courses. When the students arrive at the Students Program Dashboard they will click on the button for Cert.



### **Strategies to help scholars.**

Online programs can sometimes freeze during an assessment. While this does not happen all of the time, it is important to be prepared. We recommend that scholars answer the questions in the program and have a written copy as well. This information comes in handy should you need to start the assessment again.

Make sure to take the assessment in a quiet spot and give yourself enough time to complete the assessment.

### **What are the assessments and how long do they take?**

English should take about 40 minutes.

Math should take about 40 minutes.

Reading should take about 30 minutes.

Science should take about 30 minutes.

### **Below are some resources**

#### **Tools for success**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A76jkAjjjQV\\_Tw-ZF4rcqjXFmt2gMm74/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A76jkAjjjQV_Tw-ZF4rcqjXFmt2gMm74/view?usp=sharing)

#### **Video on how students can take a practice assessment**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KArO41AZnrM7V1MMWIAUFhv9rRCWHzoM/view?usp=sharing>

PARENTS PLEASE ASK YOUR SCHOLARS ABOUT THEIR SCORES ON THE CERT ASSESSMENT! This is a good opportunity for you and your scholar to discuss areas that need improvement before the actual ACT exam.

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