

# Fairfield Warde High School

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To Parents and Guardians of FWHS Sophomores:

Re: CAPT Science

The CAPT Science will be given to all of our sophomores on March 28, 29 and 30, 2017. Since this is a graduation requirement all sophomores must take this test. You will find some details on the science test below.

The Science test assesses students' understanding of important scientific concepts from five different content strands, as well as their abilities to apply those concepts to real-world issues. In addition, there is a major focus on scientific inquiry and using scientific reasoning to solve problems. The test includes a combination of multiple choice and short-answer questions.

By law, all local and regional boards of education are required to have graduation requirements for high school students. While the CAPT cannot be used as the sole criterion for graduation, results from the test must be included when districts are assessing whether students have the basic skills and knowledge necessary for graduation. A minimum score of proficient on the science CAPT is a requirement for graduation.

We are confident that the students are well prepared for the test and, if they apply themselves diligently by doing their best work, they will meet the standard for graduation. Students will receive the results of the test when scoring is complete. Those students who do not reach the standard required for graduation will work on a portfolio with next year's science teacher.

The testing will occur on the 28, 29 and 30 by homerooms from 7:30 – 9:45 am each day. Testing is online and will be administered in the computer labs. The schedule will be posted on our website. Students can find their assigned testing room in Homeroom and on posters throughout the building. If you have questions about the CAPT science test or about graduation requirements please contact your student's counselor.

Sincerely,

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