

April 1, 2007

Parents of GPHS Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen

Dear Parent:

On April 17-20, 2007, Texas schools will administer the remaining TAKS tests for this school year. Since the state requires that all students meet the required passing standard in order to receive a high school diploma and since this test will be used as the sixth six weeks test grade in these core classes, this test is extremely important. Although students and teachers are working hard in classes to master the TEKS, we will again offer tutorials just prior to each test. Students will have the opportunity to take sections of the test and receive immediate feedback. Teachers will be available to help the students with specific problems. We encourage all students to attend these tutorials. Tutorials will be offered after school on April 10, 11, 12, 16 and 17. Tutorials will also be offered on Saturday, April 14th and Sunday, April 15th. Students should see their teachers for specific times. For weekend tutorials students should meet at the high school and park in the faculty lot. **(CRC hours will be credited for attendance.)**

The testing schedule for the three remaining core areas is listed below:

April 17 (Tuesday)	Grade 10 Math
April 18 (Wednesday)	Exit Math
April 19 (Thursday)	Grade 9 Math
	Grade 10 Science
	Exit Science
April 20 (Friday)	Grade 9 Biology End of Course
	Grade 10 Social Studies
	Exit Social Studies

Seniors who have passed all parts of the TAKS and are cleared for graduation will not come to school on April 19-20 until 12:00 p.m. since the testing of over 1000 students will require the participation of most of the faculty and staff.

For the math test, a TI 82 or 83 graphing calculator will be provided. For the science test, a graphing calculator or four-function calculator may be used, whichever the students is most comfortable with.

We will certainly do all we can to ensure the success of your student and all students. Students will be receiving a variety of review materials through their individual classes as we prepare for these tests. We hope you will assist us by encouraging preparation at home and encouraging your child to attend the provided tutorials. Students and parents can access materials online through the TEA website (<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student>). Thank you for taking the time to help your student achieve success. The names of the TAKS coordinators are listed below. If you have further questions, please feel free to call the appropriate coordinator at 777-4251.

Sincerely,

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