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Dear Families,

Taylor County Middle School is committed to meeting the academic needs of each and every student. Our goal is for every student to be transition ready for high school by striving for each and every student to reach the desired level of knowledge and skills (Proficiency) as measured on the state-required assessments (K-PREP). These actions are supported by the new graduation requirements set forth by the state starting with the students entering high school in 2020 – 2021 school year (our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders). As a graduation prerequisite, students must demonstrate basic competency in reading and math. Student's first opportunity to show this basic competency is stated below from KDE's new graduation requirements:

“Score Proficient or higher for reading or mathematics or both reading and mathematics, if applicable, on the student's 8th-grade state-required assessment.”

What does this mean for your child? Students who have not met the desired level of knowledge and skills in their grade, as measured on K-PREP assessments, can be provided an intervention course during the school day in addition to existing core courses. As a means to monitor your student's progress, we will use the MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) assessment at the end of the first, second and third 9 weeks and common assessments. The MAP assessment is highly linked to predict your student's performance on our state assessment that shares how students are achieving.

Our goal, at T.C.M.S., is to transition all students to Taylor County High School with the skills needed to become college or career ready. Efforts are made to ensure students meet the needed benchmarks before the end of their eighth-grade year. If benchmarks are not met, the state identified best practice is to provide safety nets based on data to support each child's needs. In some situations, students may have to postpone an elective course or replace an elective with the appropriate safety net course until they have met the benchmark.

Safety Net (WIN class) Placement Procedure:

Student will be placed in the intervention classes at Taylor County Middle School based on 2 criteria: (1) Student performance on K\_PREP and (2) Student performance on the Measures of Academic Progress assessment (MAP).

Please speak with your student about the importance of meeting the required benchmarks, giving their best efforts, and becoming transition ready. We simply want to provide the best educational opportunity for your student. MAP testing dates and benchmarks are available on our website under the Parent Resource tab, in the WIN class information.

Please let us know if you have any questions about your child's progress!

Sincerely,



Sara Tucker, Principal