

HINSDALE MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The mid-point of the school year is just around the corner! Students and teachers are preparing for the end of Semester 1 assessments. We will be following an exam schedule for the middle and high school, with some days having early dismissals. There are several changes in our calendar that you need to be aware of, which are listed below.

- **Monday, January 16:** no school in observance of Martin Luther King
- **Friday, January 20:** early release at HMHS at 11:45 AM, for district wide professional development
- **Monday, January 23:** early release at HMHS at 1:00, exam day
- **Tuesday, January 24:** early release at HMHS at 1:00, exam day
- **Wednesday, January 25:** early release at HMHS at 1:00, exam day

The exams are comprehensive, assessing what students have learned during the first semester, with no more than two exams per day. A break is scheduled between exams, and lunch is provided. Friday, January 27, the last day of the second quarter, is reserved for exams in the event of a snow day during testing, or for make-ups due to individual student absences.

Please review the schedule on the back of this sheet. Students in grade 6 will not be taking exams. These students will be completing mid-year Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing, which students in grades 7 and 8 will do the following weeks. MAP testing helps guide academic intervention and enrichment before students participate in end-of-year Smart Balanced Assessments or SBAC testing.

Perseverance Advocacy Collaboration Empathy Responsibility Scholarship

Included in your child’s report card this year will be a short summary of their progress in meeting our 21st century learning expectations. All students meet weekly with their advisors to assist with compiling portfolios of their individual evidence and artifacts to support assessment on the following:

21st Century Learning Expectations

- ❖ Hinsdale students will communicate through various means.
- ❖ Hinsdale students will be able to solve problems.
- ❖ Hinsdale students will take responsibility for their own learning.
- ❖ Hinsdale students will recognize and demonstrate the importance of whole person wellness.
- ❖ Hinsdale students will demonstrate technological fluency and adaptability.
- ❖ Hinsdale students will demonstrate responsibility for their actions and choices.

If you have any questions, please give us a call. We encourage students to get plenty of rest, eat well, and study ahead of time. We hope their efforts provide us with an authentic assessment of their knowledge and skills. Your on-going support of their academic growth really makes a difference!

Thank-you,

Ann L.Freitag

Exam Schedule January 2017

7:45 First Bell

	Mon Jan 23	Tues Jan 24	Wed Jan 25	Thurs Jan 26	Fri Jan 27
7:50-9:35	Exam 1	Exam 3	Exam 5	Exam 7	Regular day with HIP for Portfolios or Make-ups in case of snow day
9:35-9:45	Break	Break	Break	9:38-10:14 pd 1	
9:48-11:33	Exam 2	Exam 4	Exam 6	10:17-10:57 pd 2	
11:35-12:00	Lunch 3A	Lunch 5A	Lunch 7A	11:00-11:47 pd 3	
12:03-12:28	Lunch 3B	Lunch 5B	Lunch 7B	11:50-12:15 pd 4A	
12:31-1:00	Lunch 3C	Lunch 5C	Lunch 7C	12:18-12:43 pd 4B	
Dismiss @ 1:00				12:46-1:11 pd 4C	
				1:14-1:54 pd 5	
				1:57-2:45 pd 6	

Lunch periods	
A	grade 7 & 8
B	grade 6
C	High School