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Dear Fremont Ross Students and Families,

We are now at the time of the school year that begins preparation for the approaching testing season. Ohio's graduation testing requirements reflect a designed pathway for graduation. Unique for this school year, we have the Class of 2022 working with the previous graduation requirements as the students in the Class of 2023, 2024, and 2025 work with the new graduation requirements.

The students in the Class of 2022 may earn a diploma by earning a minimum of eighteen (18) graduation points on Ohio State Tests; **or** earning industry credentials; **or** earning a remediation free score on their ACT or SAT as well as earning at least 21.5 credits which include 4 credits in English, 4 credits in Math, 3 credits in Science, 3 credits in Social Studies, and credits in Health, Little Giant Pathway, Physical Education, and Art.

The students in the Class of 2023 and beyond may earn a diploma by earning at least 21.5 credits which include 4 credits in English, 4 credits in Math, 3 credits in Science, 3 credits in Social Studies, and credits in Health, Little Giant Pathway, Physical Education, and Art. They also need to earn at least two graduation seals. The graduation seals may be state or local seals. Students must earn at least one state seal and one local seal **or** two state seals. Some graduation seals are earned by scoring at least 700 on specific OST exams. All students must attempt all 6 OST tests during their high school years for their graduation pathway.

State-funded ACT:

Ohio mandates that all high schools administer an opportunity to take the ACT free of charge. All juniors will be registered to take the statewide test on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Testing will occur during the school day at no cost to families. Administrators and teachers will meet with juniors for preparation for the ACT exam on March 1, 2022. In the event of a calamity day, the state has set forth a make-up date. This will be announced in the event of a cancellation.

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Ohio State Tests (OST):

The testing window for the end-of-course exams begins mid-March. End-of-course exams will be proctored for those students enrolled in English 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, US History, and American Government. Select students in grades 11 and 12 will also have the opportunity to retake any test where the proficiency level was not met.

Testing dates and subjects are as follows:

March 23rd: ELA II (10th grade and retakes for 11th grade)

April 19th : Geometry (10th grade)

April 21st: US History (10th grade)
American Government (11th grade)

April 26th: Biology (10th grade and retakes for 11th grade)

April 28th: Algebra (9th grade, 10th grade, and retakes for 11th grade)

The dates listed will run on a 3-hour delay schedule. Only those students who need to test on specific dates will need to be at school by 7:30 am to begin their OST testing. We ask that you familiarize yourself with your child's testing schedule and make sure they are well prepared to take any and all assessments that impact graduation. It is critical that our students report to school on time and are well rested for each day of testing. Any student who is late may be required to test on a different assigned date to be scheduled with the testing coordinator.

School doors open at 7:00 am, and breakfast is offered to all students. We highly encourage students to eat a full breakfast so they can focus on their state test. We also ask that all medical appointments be made after school hours if at all possible. Following the requests listed will assist in the reduction of stress and anxiety for each student as they prepare for these assessments.

If you have any further questions, please contact Christine Oravets, Assistant Principal and Building Test Coordinator, at 419-332-8221.

Sincerely
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