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Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your child will be taking the computer-based End-of-Course (EOC) assessment in Civics on **Tuesday, May 8th, 2018**. It is a state requirement that **all 7th grade students take a Civics End of Course Exam that is worth 30% of their year-end total grade**. This test is a comprehensive assessment of what the students have learned thus far in civics.

A few things for you to note as your child prepares for this exam:

* The exam has a maximum of 56 multiple choice items and students will have two 80 minutes sessions to complete it with a 10 minute break between sessions.
* Students with 504 plans or IEPs will receive their listed modifications and may have a different testing day.
* Students will participate in a computer-based practice test before the exam.
* Students should get a good night of sleep before the test and have a healthy breakfast the day of the test.
* If your child leaves campus before completing the test (for an appointment, or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test. If your child does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and test on a make-up day. Please also be mindful to not schedule appointments on testing days.

We have begun reviewing the major concepts in class. It is important for students to spend time reviewing small amounts each night to prepare for the exam. All students should have the following resources to utilize for review:

* **My class website:** [www.owencivics.weebly.com](http://www.owencivics.weebly.com)

My site offers class documents, such as unit notes, PowerPoints, EOC Review Packet Answers, as well as links to other review sites.

* **Civics360 –** <http://www.civics360.org>

This site, developed by the Florida Joint Center for Citizenship, provides practice questions, videos, vocabulary games and readings to help students prepare for their EOC.

* **Civics Online Tutorials** -- <http://www.floridastudents.org/>

This site, developed by the FL DOE, provides video tutorials on most of the benchmarks assessed on the exam. It also provides hands-on practice with immediate feedback.

* **Unit Notes and EOC Review Packets**

We anticipate that our students will perform very well. Please encourage your child to do his or her best.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact our Guidance Department at 336-5575 ext. 65660.

Respectfully,

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