

# Principal's Message



Dear Eagle Families,

There have been a lot of rumors circulating regarding the significance of the FSA and district exams this year. There is a lot of chatter that exams “do not count”. We want to make sure our community has the correct information and understands the importance of every student trying their hardest:

1. **FSA exams matter**. They will be used in the following ways:
  - i. Placement in intensive reading or remedial classes
  - ii. Placement in advanced classes
2. **District exams matter**. They will be used in your students’ grades which will impact:
  - i. if they get promoted to the next grade – or retained.
  - ii. If they can remain in or get moved to advance classes
3. **There is no “opt out”**.

We made an announcement to the student body this morning relaying this information and would appreciate your support in also discussing this information with your children this evening.

As always, thank you for your continued encouragement and support of our students!

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