

SCHOOL DISTRICT 145

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"Inspire our students to seek excellence in their lives."



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Parents or Guardians,

Last spring, your child participated in the first Nebraska State Accountability Reading Test (NeSA-R). This test is given once a year to check student performance on the new state reading standards and is not the only indicator of your child's abilities. The NeSA-R replaces the previous STARS system, as required by a 2007-08 state law, in which previous reading standards were assessed through locally created tests.

You are receiving your child's NeSA-R information, provided by the Nebraska Department of Education, from last spring. The report contains explanations and descriptions of NeSA-R results and your child's performance level towards the state standards on this test. Additional information about NeSA-R is located on the Nebraska Department of Education's website (<http://nde.ne.gov>).

As with any large-scale test developed outside of our district, it is one piece of information about your child's performance in reading. The NeSA-R data, along with daily classroom performance and National tests (Terra Nova, PLAN, EXPLORE, ACT), is helpful in providing another piece of information in regards to how every child is comprehending text and understanding vocabulary. Overall, the best source of information on your child's engagement and learning in school is your child's teacher.

Thank you for your involvement and support of your child's growth and learning in school.

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