



VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) will be administered to Vernon students in grades 3 through 8 between March 1st and March 23rd. The CMT meets the federal testing requirements of *No Child Left Behind*.

The CMT is designed to measure student performance in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics and science (grades 5 and 8). The purpose of the assessment is to identify students who are in need of extra help in these areas. Additionally, the results from these assessments are used to make changes in both curriculum and instruction:

Reading:	Degrees of Reading Power, Reading Comprehension
Writing:	Direct Assessment of Writing, Editing and Revising
Mathematics:	Mathematics
Science:	Grades 5 and 8

Your help is needed to encourage your child to take the assessment seriously. The results of this test will help guide future instruction for all of Vernon's children.

If your child has a special education or 504 plan that calls for extended time or other testing modifications, these accommodations will be in place for the CMT. English Language Learners who have been identified as in need of accommodations will receive those accommodations during testing as well. Students who are absent will be given a make-up time prior to March 19th.

We appreciate your support. If you have any questions about the upcoming CMT administration, please contact us at 870-6000 ext. 142.

Best regards,

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