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Notice of Changes to Parent-Student Handbook

There are two changes to the Parent-Student Handbook, which are regarding how certain testing is reflected on transcripts and permanent records. These amendments to the Parent-Student Handbook are effective April 15, 2026. The following sections are amended as follows:

1. The section “NYS Testing” is hereby amended as such:

Students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will participate in New York State Testing. Parents receive an Individual Student Report (ISR) when they are released by NYS, which includes a breakdown of a student’s performance in different skill areas within ELA, Math and Science. This helps parents understand where their child is doing well and in what areas he or she may need additional practice. Parents can use these results to guide a discussion with their child’s teacher about additional supports or challenges that may be needed in the classroom, as well as ways to support learning at home.

NYS Test scores are standardized test results that will be entered onto student permanent records cards, transcripts and the TACHS record for 8th grade students applying to Catholic High Schools. New York State law forbids the use of state test results as the determining factor in promotion.

2. The section “i-Ready Testing” is hereby amended as such:

i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that helps teacher(s) determine students’ needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. Students cannot opt out of i-Ready assessment. i-Ready allows teachers to meet your student exactly where they are and provides data to increase students’ learning gains. i-Ready consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction. The Diagnostic provides a score reflecting students’ grade level and potential.

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