

EXPLORE ASSESSMENT

On October 6, 2009, Diegueno Middle School will be administering the ACT EXPLORE assessment to all eighth graders in their 1st period class. **We will have a modified bell schedule on that day and all 7th graders will have a late start of 9:50 a.m.** (see bell schedule at the end of this document).

More than ever before, it is important that all students have the skills needed to be successful in college and the workplace. Becoming college-ready does not happen overnight: students develop these skills by taking rigorous courses in high school.

EXPLORE helps 8th graders build high school course plans that will prepare them for college and work, and introduces them to career options that are relevant to them. It shows your son or daughter:

- Areas where they need extra help or additional courses
- Suggestions for improving their skills
- Careers that match their interests

EXPLORE provides early indicators of whether students are on track for college. With plenty of time before graduation, teachers can use this information to focus on areas of need, and students who take EXPLORE are more likely to score higher on the ACT test.

EXPLORE includes

- Tests in English, math, reading, and science just like the ACT.
- A career section that shows which career areas match your student's interest.
- Questions about your student's plans for high school and beyond.
- A guide that tells you what the scores mean and how to use them.

Each student will receive a comprehensive EXPLORE score report that will give:

- Scores in each academic area compared to other students in the school, district and state.
- High school plans, needs and college readiness.
- Career interests and possibilities.
- Skills and areas for improvement in each academic area.

We are asking each 8th grade parent/guardian to donate \$10 to help us pay for this important assessment. Please make the check payable to Diegueno Middle School and return it with the registration form.

2009 EXPLORE REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name (Print) _____

(Last)

(First)

Student ID # _____

Donation checks can be made payable to Diegueno Middle School

EXPLORE WEEK SCHEDULE

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Oct. 5-9th, 2009

7th graders late start at 9:50 a.m.

8th graders test at 7:40 a.m. in period 5

Monday, Oct 5th	Single Periods
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Tues, Oct 6th	Periods	With Testing Block (130 Mins)
Test Block (Period 5)	7:40-9:50	(130 mins) (Explore Test)
Break	9:50-9:55	(5 mins)
Period 1	10:00-10:35	(35 mins)
Period 2	10:40-11:15	(35 mins)
Period 3	11:20-11:55	(35 mins)
Lunch	11:55-12:30	(35 mins)
Period 4	12:35-1:05	(30 mins)
Period 5	1:10-1:40	(30 mins)
Period 6	1:45-2:15	(30 mins)

Wed, Oct 7th	Block Periods 1, 3, 5	With Testing Block (130 Mins)
Period 1	7:40-9:25	
Break	9:25-9:30	
Period 3	9:35-11:20	
Lunch	11:20-11:55	
SSR/Homeroom	12:00-12:30	(Per. 5)(Explore Career)
Period 5	12:30-2:15	

Thurs, Oct 8th	Block Periods 2, 4, 6	With Testing Block (130 Mins)
Period 2	7:40-9:25	
Break	9:25-9:30	
Period 4	9:35-11:20	
Lunch	11:20-11:55	
SSR/Homeroom	12:00-12:30	(Per. 5)(Explore Career)
Period 6	12:30-2:15	

Friday, Oct 9th	Single Periods
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