

Gurrie Middle School

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Gurrie Middle School: Empowering students to pursue their interests, talents and dreams.

April 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

All fifth- and eighth-graders and some high school students will begin taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) March 1. The ISA aligns with our new [Illinois Learning Standards](#) in science. This assessment helps families understand how well students are performing academically and see whether they are on track to succeed in college. The ISA represents Illinois' commitment to preparing all students for college and careers, including in the high-demand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The assessment also satisfies federal accountability requirements.

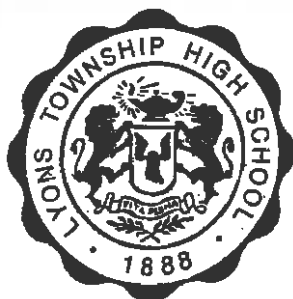
The ISA is designed to reflect classroom experiences. Many students who took the assessment last year said the ISA seemed more like instruction than a test. Students do not simply select an answer and fill in the bubble of a multiple-choice test. Rather, the ISA pushes students to apply their knowledge when they give answers, thus better preparing them for higher education and a career. All students deserve the opportunity to demonstrate what they know; they get to see how knowledge is applied to real-life situations.

The ISA is an hour-long summative assessment. The results provide administrators with important data to help them make broad curriculum decisions at the school and district levels. But classroom educators will not use the results to make teaching adjustments year-to-year for individual students.

We encourage you to talk with your children about the importance of doing their best on the ISA, while communicating that the assessment yields only one piece of information about them and their school's progress. Students' attendance, classroom work, homework, projects, performance on local tests, participation in sports and extracurricular activities, and contributions to the school's climate and culture all help them grow and learn.

We all work together to ensure Illinois students build a cohesive understanding of science over time. Thank you for your role in developing lifelong learners and successful citizens.

8th grade students at Gurrie will take the assessment on Tuesday, April 30.



Residency Night

As part of our continuous goal to make the transition of your incoming freshman as smooth as possible, we want to provide assistance during your registration process. During *Residency Night* we will assist you with: 1. Completing the Online Registration 2. Turning in required Residency Documentation

Please join us on

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

4:30pm - 6:30pm

**Lyons Township High School –South Campus
4900 South Willow Springs Rd, Western Springs, IL 60558**



Noche de Ayuda con la Registración

Como parte de nuestras metas de hacer la transición de su estudiante a la escuela secundaria, tan suave como se pueda, queremos ayudarles con el proceso de registración de su estudiante.

Durante La Noche de Registración nosotros le ayudaremos en:

1. Completar la registración en línea.
2. La entrega de los documentos requeridos como prueba de residencia

Por favor únase a nosotros el

Martes, 30 de abril del 2019

4:30pm -6:30pm

**Escuela Secundaria Lyons Township– Campo Sur
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April 16, 2019

Dear Families of Year 2019 Graduates,

Gurrie Middle School will hold its graduation ceremony at the Lyons Township South Campus Field House. The use of this larger facility means that students will not be restricted to a certain number of guests. Tickets will not be required. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. There is no reserved seating with the following exceptions: Board of Education, PTO Executive Board and District 105 staff. If you need special seating for the ceremony, i.e. wheelchair bound or elderly, please return the form at the bottom of this letter indicating what type of special seating you require. We will make every attempt to seat those requiring special seating with or near their families, however, situations may arise where this will not be possible. Please take this possibility into consideration when requesting special seating. **Please return this form only if you require special seating.**

You may send in your request at any time between now and May 24th.

Sincerely,

Ed Hood
Principal

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I will require special seating for: (*) _____ wheelchair bound person.
 (*) _____ Elderly (main floor)

(*) Please enter only the number of special seats required.

Graduate's Name _____ Advisor _____

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Dear Gurrie Families,

Over the past ten years, Gurrie's student population has grown considerably. As we continued to grow, we found that holding the graduation ceremony in the Gurrie gym became problematic. We could only issue limited tickets (today that would translate into roughly two tickets per family), there was no air conditioning, and the sheer number of people created an uncomfortable and difficult situation. We began to investigate other options and decided on the field house at Lyons Township High School, South Campus. This allowed the opportunity for air conditioning, families being able to attend without worries of tickets, and a sense of moving forward for our students as almost all of them would be attending LT as freshman. While many of us miss the friendly confines of Gurrie, this venue provides a positive and more comfortable graduation ceremony.

Each year, I have sent home information stating what our expectations for behavior at the ceremony is, and it is restated again that evening before students receive their diplomas. In the past, some people in the audience chose to ignore those expectations and mildly disrupted the ceremony with movement, allowing unsupervised children to move around the bleachers, and yelling and applauding loudly during the time when students' names were announced and diplomas awarded.

While we want everyone to be able to recognize the accomplishments of their child, grandchild, brother, sister or friend, it is vital that those in attendance follow our expectations for this distinguished ceremony, so that everyone can hear and enjoy their graduate's special moment.

We have discussed and investigated a variety of ideas to address our concerns and decided on the following expectations:

- all audience members, including children, are to stay seated with their family for the entire ceremony
 - standing and moving around blocks the view for other audience members
 - if you do not think that your children can sit through the hour or so program, please do not bring them to the graduation ceremony
- if you feel the need to bring balloons to the graduation, you will be asked to store them along the north wall of the Field House during the ceremony and you can pick them up on the way out of the building

"Be Respectful, Be Ready, Be Safe."

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- no one should get up and take pictures during the diploma distribution
 - please take pictures before or after the ceremony outside or in the commons
 - during the ceremony, you may take pictures while staying seated
 - do not approach the stage to get a picture
 - we will have a professional photographer on the stage taking pictures of each student as they receive their diplomas
- audience members will refrain from any behaviors that will detract from the dignity of the ceremony
 - please refrain from yelling, shouting, or other noises during the ceremony and in particular, when students names are read off to receive their diploma

We feel these expectations allow for a more respectful and enjoyable ceremony. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Ed Hood

Escuela Intermedia Gurrie

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Escuela Intermedia Gurrie: Empoderando estudiantes a perseguir sus intereses, talentos y sueños

Abril, 2019

Estimadas Familias de Gurrie,

Durante los últimos diez años, el número de estudiantes de Gurrie ha crecido considerablemente. A medida que continuamos creciendo, hemos visto cómo problemático la celebración de la ceremonia de graduación en el gimnasio de Gurrie. Sólo podíamos expedir un número limitado de boletas (que se traduciría hoy en día a tan solo dos entradas por familia), no contábamos con aire acondicionado, y el gran número de personas creaba una situación incómoda y difícil. Empezamos a investigar otras opciones y optamos por las instalaciones atléticas de la sede sur de la Escuela Secundaria Lyons Township. Esto nos permite contar con aire acondicionado, permitir a las familias asistir sin preocupaciones de restricciones de boletas, y una sensación de continuidad para nuestros estudiantes ya que casi todos ellos estarán asistiendo a LT como estudiante de primer año de secundaria. Mientras que muchos de nosotros extrañamos los amistosos límites de Gurrie, este lugar proporciona un espacio positivo y más cómodo para la ceremonia de graduación.

Cada año, he enviado a las casas información indicando nuestras expectativas de comportamiento en la ceremonia, y se reafirman de nuevo esa noche antes de que los estudiantes reciban sus diplomas. En el pasado, algunas personas de la audiencia optaron por ignorar esas expectativas e interrumpieron ligeramente la ceremonia con sus movimientos, permitiendo a los niños moverse sin supervisión en las tribunas, gritando y aplaudiendo fuertemente durante el momento en que los nombres de los estudiantes son anunciados y durante la entrega de los diplomas.

Si bien queremos que todos puedan reconocer los logros de sus hijos, nietos, hermanos o amigos, es vital que los asistentes sigan nuestras expectativas para esta distinguida ceremonia, para que todos puedan escuchar y disfrutar el momento especial de su graduado.

Hemos discutido e investigado una variedad de ideas para manejar nuestras preocupaciones y hemos decidido fijar las siguientes expectativas:

- Todos los miembros del público, incluidos los niños, deben permanecer sentados con sus familias durante toda la ceremonia.
 - Ponerse de pie y estar moviéndose bloquea la vista de otros miembros del público.
 - Si usted piensa que sus niños no pueden permanecer sentados durante más o menos una hora de la duración del programa, por favor no los traiga a la ceremonia de graduación.

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- Si usted desea traer globos a la graduación, se le pedirá que los guarde a lo largo de la pared norte de las instalaciones atléticas durante la ceremonia y podrá luego recogerlos cuando vaya saliendo del edificio.
- Nadie debe ponerse de pie para tomar fotografías durante la entrega de diplomas
 - Por favor tomen sus fotos antes o después de la ceremonia afuera o en las áreas comunes
 - Durante la ceremonia, pueden tomar fotografías permaneciendo sentados.
 - No se acerquen al escenario para tomar fotografías
 - Tendremos un fotógrafo profesional en el escenario tomando fotos de cada estudiante a medida que reciban sus diplomas
- Los miembros del público deberán abstenerse de cualquier conducta que perturbe la solemnidad de la ceremonia.
 - Por favor absténganse de gritar o de hacer otros ruidos durante la ceremonia y en particular, al leer los nombres de los estudiantes que reciben su diploma

Sentimos que estas expectativas permitirán una ceremonia más respetuosa y agradable. Si tienen cualquier pregunta o inquietud con este respecto, sírvanse ponerse en contacto conmigo.

Respetuosamente,

Ed Hood

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January 15, 2019

Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

As has been the tradition at Gurrie, graduates will wear royal blue gowns with medallions on gold ribbons around their necks. Students will rent their gowns and purchase their medallions. Please check the statement below that applies to you.

_____ I am enclosing the \$25.00 rental fee at this time.

_____ I will pay the \$25.00 rental fee by May 15th.

_____ I would like to discuss a payment plan with Mr. Hood or my child's advisor.

Signature

Date

Student's Name

We are sending this home now so that families may budget and plan according to their circumstances.

Please make checks out to Gurrie Middle School.

Sincerely,

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January 15, 2019

Dear Parent of Eighth Grader:

The eighth grade class at Gurrie will be making a class trip to Great America on Thursday, May 23rd. The cost of this trip will be \$36.00 and is due as soon as possible. The money and the permission slip must be in by Friday, May 17th. In addition to this fee, students will need some spending money for a lunch and refreshments, as no bag lunches are allowed in the theme park.

Students will leave for the trip shortly after arrival at school that day and will return to school at about 7:00 P.M. Our usual bus transportation from the school to home will be available upon our return to the school building at the end of the day.

Not all students will be allowed to go on the trip. Any student who has two major disciplinary referral slips from April 3rd on may not attend. Students are aware of this policy. **Any student not making the trip will have a regular full day of school with his/her teachers.**

The students will be chaperoned on the trip by teachers. If you have any questions, please refer them to your child's advisors.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ed Hood, Principal

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GREAT AMERICA CLASS TRIP

_____ Yes, my child has my permission to participate in the Great America trip on May 23rd.

(This permission slip must be returned with payment. The fee of \$36.00 must be paid by May 17th.
Make checks payable to Gurrie Middle School.)

_____ No, my child will not participate in the trip and I understand he/she must attend a regular day of school that day.

_____ Yes, my child has my permission to participate in the Great America trip on May 23rd, but will use a Great America pass which the family has already purchased.

Student

Parent's Signature

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*From the Principal's Desk.....***About Staff Appreciation.**

Tell a teacher or staff member you care by completing and returning the following Staff Member Commendation Form!

Each of us can think of a special teacher or staff member who has made a positive impact on our lives. Many of us have never expressed our appreciation to those individuals. Others of us have waited years after graduation to do so.

Perhaps you've been pleased by the special way a staff member worked with your student academically, provided emotional support, or assisted in the achievement of a personal goal. Submittal of the completed form that follows can be your way of telling that staff member they are special and appreciated.

Please take a few minutes to complete the following Staff Member Commendation. We need the completed forms to the school office by Monday, May 6. Ed Hood, Principal, will hand deliver each commendation to the appropriate staff member during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10). More forms are available in the school office or on our website at www.d105.net.

Your staff will appreciate your thoughts for years to come!!

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Staff Member Commendation

Mr. Hood:

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how pleased I am with a member of your staff.

Gurrie Staff Member

Is, in my opinion, deserving of special commendation for the following reasons:

_____ provides a stimulating and challenging educational environment that encourages quality work.

_____ demonstrates a personal interest in students' progress and overall well-being.

_____ is friendly, patient, and understanding.

_____ shows professionalism and represents Gurrie Middle School in a positive manner.

_____ other _____

Remarks: _____

Signature

Date

Please return to Gurrie Middle School, 1001 S. Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525 or have your student bring it to the office.

Desde el escritorio del Director..... **Acerca del Aprecio a los empleados**

Muéstrele a un maestro o alguno de nuestros empleados su agradecimiento completando y enviando de vuelta el siguiente formulario de ¡agradecimiento a los empleados!

Cada uno de nosotros puede pensar de un maestro o empleado especial que ha impactado de manera positiva nuestras vidas. Muchos de nosotros no hemos tenido la oportunidad para expresarles nuestro agradecimiento. Otros esperamos muchos años hasta después de graduarnos para agradecerles.

Tal vez usted ha estado contento por la forma especial en que uno de nuestros empleados trabajó con su estudiante académicamente, le proporcionó apoyo emocional, o le ayudó a alcanzar alguna de sus metas personales. Enviar el siguiente formulario diligenciado puede ser su forma de decirles a esos empleados que son especiales y apreciados.

Por favor tómese unos minutos para completar el Formulario de Elogios a los Empleados. Necesitamos los formularios completos devuelta en la escuela antes 6 de Mayo. El Director, Ed Hood, entregará personalmente cada formulario de agradecimiento al empleado indicado durante la Semana de Agradecimiento al Maestro (Mayo 6 al 10). Más formularios están disponibles en la oficina de la escuela y en nuestra página web www.d105.net.

¡Nuestros empleados agradecerán sus comentarios por años!

Escuela Intermedia Gurrie
Distinción a Empleado Escolar

Sr. Hood:

Quisiera aprovechar esta oportunidad para dejarle saber lo contento que estoy con uno de los empleados escolares.

Empleado Escolar de Gurrie

En mi opinión, es merecedor de una mención especial por las siguientes razones:

_____ Proporciona un ambiente educativo estimulante y desafiante que promueve la calidad de trabajo.

_____ Demuestra un interés especial en el progreso de los estudiantes y en su bienestar.

_____ Es amigable, paciente y comprensivo.

_____ Muestra profesionalismo y representa a la Escuela Intermedia Gurrie de manera positiva.

_____ Otro _____

Comentarios: _____

Firma

Fecha