

A Significant Change for Students Regarding Test Returns

As has been reported in the past several CFE newsletters, members of Citizens For Education initiated discussions with administrators regarding the topic of returning tests. The issue was raised because, for many students, very few tests/quizzes had been coming home.

For the past two years Citizens For Education Board members and concerned Council Rock parents who believed that returning assessments is important for better, more efficient study, class preparation, and overall learning, met with administrators, teachers and CR School Board Directors to advocate that students have their tests and quizzes returned.

At the June Academic Standards meeting, the administration announced that it had substantially revised its policy relating to the return of student tests and assessments, and presented Administrative Regulation 213, which would go into effect with the 2012-2013 school year. (You can find the regulation online by searching crsd.org -> Resources -> Administrative Regulations -> AR-213 or at: <http://www.crsd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=593>).

The revised regulation states, in part:

“With the exception of District Assessments, students have the option of taking assessments home”.

The change means that beginning this school year, almost all tests, quizzes, essays, papers, lab reports and homework will be available to come home. (Students can choose to keep their assessments in school if they prefer.) The exceptions include midterms, finals, and other district-wide exams (such as quarterlies). In addition, parents and students will be able to easily see what assessments are available to bring home through the Home Access Center; there will be an asterisk next to any assessment item that is not available to bring home.

Citizens For Education applauds the Council Rock administration for making this very significant change, which will lead to greater productivity, better communication and, hopefully, less stress for students.