Dear Parent or Guardian,

To maximize academic growth opportunities for students in Putnam City Schools, the district has established a Proficiency Based Promotion (PBP) program for students in elementary through high school. The parameters for this program are specified in House Bill 1017.

This program provides students, who are currently enrolled, the opportunity to move ahead in their educational efforts by demonstrating proficiency in one or more curriculum areas. Exams are given in language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign language, fine arts and introduction to software.

Tests will be administered at the PC Administration Building, 5401 NW 40th Oklahoma City, OK 73122. Testing Times begin at 8:00am.

For grade promotion in elementary, a score of 85 percent will need to be achieved on two core exams: English Language Arts and Math, and a minimum 50 percent for both Science and Social Studies. If 85 percent is not achieved on the first two tests, (ELA & Math) then the testing session will end.

For secondary students, a test score of 90th percent proficiency level is required for a student to receive credit and be considered for promotion to the next level of study. Credit earned in high school courses will count toward meeting graduation requirements. After counseling with appropriate school personnel, a letter grade of ‘A’ or ‘Pass’ will be denoted on the students’ transcript as PBP. No record of unsuccessful attempts will be maintained in a student’s permanent record. Proficiency Based Testing results will only be reported as “Pass” or “Not Pass”.

Some exams have additional requirements beyond the actual test. Contact your student’s principal or counselor for additional information. Fifth grade students should apply through their feeder middle school.

For information on testing dates, times and applications please visit www.putnamcityschools.org/PBP

Sincerely,
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