

ASSESSMENT

Teachers use a variety of methods when assessing students. They may include:

- ✓ Portfolio Collection
- ✓ Observations
- ✓ Demonstrations
- ✓ Conferences
- ✓ Self-evaluations
- ✓ Peer evaluations
- ✓ Surveys
- ✓ Checklists
- ✓ Common District Assessment
- ✓ Benchmark Assessment
- ✓ PSAT
- ✓ Writing rubric
- ✓ State Assessment: M-STEP

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Parents are encouraged to talk with their child's teacher at any time during the school year.

Following is a list of ways that you may communicate with and/or review your child's progress.

- ✓ PowerSchool
- ✓ Teacher's web site/email/voice mail
- ✓ Parent-teacher conferences
- ✓ School Messenger
- ✓ District Facebook page

Ways You Can Help Your Child At Home

- ✓ Provide a study place
- ✓ Develop a system for organizing and maintaining a notebook
- ✓ Encourage your child to participate in class
- ✓ Talk about how you use math at work and home
- ✓ Involve children in tasks that require computing, measuring, estimating, building, following directions, problem solving and reasoning
- ✓ Make the above resources available to your home
- ✓ Checking grades on PowerSchool
- ✓ Supporting homework

District Mission Statement

In partnership with the community, we seek to instill in students high standards for academic excellence, integrity, leadership and responsible citizenship.



New Lothrop Area Public Schools

Student Learning Targets



Junior High - English

Grade Level and Content Area Teachers developed a list of 5-10 Student Learning Targets (SLT'S) for DK-12th grade. This brochure is meant to help students and parents become familiar with each course and the intended outcomes upon completion.

Accordingly, Students will be able to...

7th Grade Writing

- Write informative and/or explanatory texts
- Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources
- Appropriately quote or paraphrase information following a standard format for citation
- Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence
- Draw evidence from informational or literary texts to support analysis and reflection
- Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and link to resources

7th Grade Reading

- Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis
- Determine a theme or central idea of a text
- Determine the words and phrases as they are used in a text

- Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas and poems
- Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text
- Read and comprehend non-fiction text

8th Grade Writing

- Write narrative and research texts
- Conduct sustained research to support a position in a research essay
- Determine credibility and appropriateness of sources
- Write an argumentative essay to support a claim using multiple resources
- Implement proper citation format throughout writing to avoid plagiarism
- Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and link to resources

8th Grade Reading

- Explain how the theme relates to the characters, setting, and plot in a literary text
- Define figurative language and literary devices
- Explain how a central idea develops throughout the text
- Determine the author's craft and point of view in a text
- Determine connotation and denotation of words as used in text