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## **READY TO TEST:**

### **What Kansas Schools Are Doing to Prepare Students for the 2011-2012 State Assessments**

An overwhelming majority of Kansas's public schools and school districts met the 2010-2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets as defined by No Child Left Behind. However, the targets will rise another 4 to 6 percent for the 2011-2012 school year. That means, schools are working hard to ensure that students will perform to the best of their abilities when the testing season begins.

At Basehor Linwood High School we work hard to prepare our students for the Kansas State Assessments. There are many steps that we take to assure students are successful. We take full advantage of the Opportunity to Learn in the Fall and test all students. Those students that did not pass the State Assessments are then placed in a standards course where they receive more direct instruction to help them improve their scores 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Also our curriculum at the high school has become more rigorous with the addition of new honors courses. Successful inservices with new teaching strategies that have been implemented will also give our students test-taking skills and strategies that they can use.

### **Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Integration**

Education in Kansas is always moving forward. What is taught and how it is taught has changed dramatically in recent years, as teachers and school administrators have worked together to implement research-based strategies in all classrooms.

### **Test Preparation Tools**

The Center for Educational Testing & Evaluation (CETE), located at The University of Kansas, Designs and administers the Kansas State Assessments. To help students and teachers prepare, CETE offers practice tests and formative tests.

## **Professional Development**

Teachers and administrators in Kansas's schools receive continuous training throughout the school year. Topics generally include curriculum and instruction improvements that lead to increased student achievement. Additionally, professional development sessions may involve technology integration, assessment updates and other activities aimed at helping teachers and administrators better prepare our kids for their futures.

## **Parent and Community Involvement**

Many schools offer "Parent Nights" inviting families and the community to participate in the teaching and learning process.