



Parent Assessment Rights

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Freire Charter School Wilmington is committed to providing students with personalized learning experiences. To achieve this we regularly assess student growth through various classroom assessments as well as state mandated standardized assessments. These assessments are critical to your student's success because they provide teachers insight on individual instructional needs, identify class and grade level trends, as well as align the instructional program more closely to Core state standards. Further, having multiple types of assessments helps provide a fuller picture of student needs. Your child's participation is important to ensure Freire and schools across Delaware receive the targeted resources they need to help all students needed.

Freire works hard to help families understand how we assess our students, as well as how Delaware and the nation as a whole assess them to determine whether or not they are college-ready. As part of our regular academic calendar, families and school staff discuss achievement, standards, assessments, and student academic growth at the following events:

- Family Meetings – Regularly held family meetings where a Freire staff member is often present to highlight college counseling, the Co-Head of School, Academic Supports' office, after-school activities, the therapy program, etc.
- Family Visits – Family visits for all students identified as needing additional supports held either at the home of the new student with parent present or held at the school on an individual basis.
- Back to School Night – Back to School Night happens very early in the school year and is the first chance families have to meet their children's teachers in person.
- Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences – At Freire, conferences work best when both the student and parent attend the conference with the teacher. That way, we can work together to build on each student's individual strengths and make sure we all follow the plan as a team.

In addition, course syllabi for every class are available to families, which provide a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used, the purpose of assessments students will encounter, the schedule and duration of assessments, and the standards students are expected to meet. Freire Wilmington will support a parent's decision to opt their student(s) out of the standardized state assessments. For more information about opt-out or your student's assessment schedule please contact Co-Head of School, Academics, Paul Ramirez (302-470-4800; paul.ramirez@freirecharterschool.org) to set up a discussion.

Sincerely,

Paul Ramirez, Co-Head of School, Academics