# Westerville City Schools

**Department of Academic Affairs**
Karen McClellan, Chief Academic Officer

**Vision**

Our vision is

to be the benchmark

of educational

excellence.

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**Mission**

Our mission is

to prepare students

to contribute

to the competitive

and changing world

in which we live.

Dear Parent:

Westerville City Schools has access to a great resource for preparing our students for the Ohio Achievement Tests in Social Studies and Science. We have purchased a district license for a web-based program called *Study Island*. This program is accessible to students wherever there is a computer with an internet connection and a standard web browser.

We are very excited about the potential benefits this program can bring to our students, and we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity by using *Study Island*. Information on the back of this letter provides an overview of the program and instructions on how to use it.

**Values**

Respect

Inclusiveness

Community

Communication

Collaboration

Innovation

Nurturing

Trust

Accountability

As always, please contact your building principal with any concerns or questions you may have. You may also contact *Study Island* directly at 1-800-419-3191 or support@studyisland.com if you have any questions using the program.

Sincerely,

Karen McClellan
Chief Academic Officer
Department of Academic Affairs

**Note** – Students should have received a username and password from their teacher at school.

## Using Study Island from Home

Since the Study Island state assessment program is completely web-based, students can access it from any computer with an Internet connection and a standard web browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape). Results from students study sessions are recorded and made available to the teachers. This includes results from sessions completed at home.

The program is divided into sections based on subject (math, reading, etc.). Each section is made up of 10 to 25 **topics**. Each topic contains about 20 to 25 questions with explanations. All topics are accompanied by a **lesson**, which includes some brief information about the material covered by the questions in the topics. It is helpful to view the lesson before answering the questions in the topic.

**Follow the instructions below, in order to use the program:**

1. Go to www.studyisland.com
2. Enter your username and password at the upper-left of the screen, and click "Login".

   **Note:** Students will receive a username and password from their teacher at school.
3. Click on the section tab (math, reading, etc.) that you wish to work on.
4. Click the "Pretest" in order to begin the pretest for the section. **You must complete 10 pretest questions before moving on to the topic in the section.**
5. Once you complete the "Pretest," you may work through the remainder of the topics in any order you like. You must **"pass"** all topics before taking the "Post Test".
6. To **pass** a topic, you must satisfy the topic's passing requirements which are based a minimum number of questions answered (usually 10) and a minimum percentage correct (around 70%). A blue ribbon icon 🎖 is displayed next to all passed topics.
7. Once you have passed all the topics in the section, you have to pass the "Post Test" for the section before the section is complete. Ignore this step if the section has no "Post Test".
8. When you pass all topics in all sections, you have completed the program and will be well prepared to take the state test.

**To access the Reports:**

1. After your child has logged in, select a subject from the left-hand side of the screen to access the reports. (See the screen shot below.)
2. Here, you will find a variety of reports with information such as how much time your child has spent on various subjects, how they used their time, and what questions they missed. You will also be able to compare your child with other children in their class and in their state that are using Study Island. You can select reports by Subject or select the Summary option to get all subjects.

New Message ⊠
My Attributes
My High Scores

**Reports**

Math Report
English/L.A. Report
Summary Report

**Programs**