



Township High School District 214

Tests and Assessments

2008-2009

District 214 administers a variety of assessments to its students to provide them, their parents, and their high schools' staff with performance information. Such information is used for:

- Placement in appropriate courses
- Identifying the need for additional instruction
- Monitoring student growth
- Determining the extent to which students are meeting district and state standards
- Providing information to enrich the curriculum and instruction
- Providing information for making post-secondary educational and vocational decisions

District 214 is committed to:

- Providing frequent, purposeful, appropriate, and fair assessments accompanied by timely feedback
- Helping students and parents make good use of assessment data in their decision making processes
- Helping district staff understand and effectively utilize assessment data

Township High School District 214 coordinates five district-wide assessment programs for high school students at Buffalo Grove High School, Elk Grove High School, John Hersey High School, Prospect High School, Rolling Meadows High School, Wheeling High School, Vanguard School and Forest View Alternative School.

- 1) **District 214 High School Assessment Program** that aids the district in evaluating the relevancy and effectiveness of its educational programs and the extent to which it is fulfilling its mission to students.
- 2) **State of Illinois Assessment Program** that complies with the assessment requirements of the State Board of Education.
- 3) **Graduation Requirements Assessment Program** that includes assessments related to District 214 graduation requirements.
- 4) **College-Bound Assessment Program** that aids students in making decisions with regards to their college plans.
- 5) **Life and Career Planning Assessment Program** that aids students in making decisions with regards to their post high school plans.

This pamphlet describes the 2008-2009 tests/assessments, target population, date and place for each assessment. Current fees shown for optional tests are subject to change.

District 214 High School Assessment Program

PLAN consists of three major parts - academic tests, interest inventory and a student information section. The academic tests are designed to measure student attainment of the knowledge and skills acquired in English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning. It can be used in conjunction with the EXPLORE to measure continued academic growth. This assessment is designed to provide assistance to students and parents early in the educational process. It serves as a checkpoint for future coursework plans and interests.

Target Population: 9th grade students

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Vanguard and Forest View Alternative School.

Institutional American College Testing Service

Assessment (IACT) is a retired form of the American College Testing Service (ACT) assessment and measures educational development in the areas of English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning. This assessment measures skills necessary for success in post secondary educational settings, including students' reasoning abilities and knowledge of subject matter fields. This test will provide students with individualized information on their performance.

Target Population: 10th grade students

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Vanguard School and Forest View Alternative School

Information Processing Proficiency will be offered at various times throughout the year. Passing the proficiency fulfills the District 214 graduation requirement.

Target Population: Students wishing to meet the information processing graduation requirement.

Dates: TBA by school

Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Vanguard School and Forest View Alternative School.

State of Illinois Assessment Program

Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLs) is a standard-based English Language Proficiency Test that tests students in the four language domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

Target Population: All Students in the ELL Program
Dates: January – March 2009
Locations: BG, EG, RM, W, Forest View Alternative School, Newcomer Center

Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) measures student knowledge of the State Standards for Learning in English, reading, mathematics, science, and writing. It includes an ACT test. All students must take the PSAE to receive a regular high school diploma.

Target Population: 11th grade students
Dates: Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23, 2009
 Makeup: Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7, 2009
Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Vanguard School and Forest View Alternative School.

Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) Retake is a second administration of the PSAE that gives 12th grade students the opportunity to retake both days of the PSAE to improve their scores.

Target Population: 12th grade students who would like to improve their PSAE score

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Saturday, October 25, 2008	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
Tuesday, October 28, 2008	Forest View Educational Center, Building A

Career Activities Survey is required by the State of Illinois to collect information about a student’s perceptions of the life and career planning opportunities provided by District 214.
Target Population: All students
Dates: February 23 - March 6, 2009
Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Vanguard School and Forest View Alternative School

Illinois Consumer Education Proficiency Test (ICEPT) contains test items on money management, consumer credit, the consumer in the economy, the consumer in the marketplace, saving, investing and financial services, insurance, taxes, transportation, housing and food. Students receiving a passing score (approximately 70%) are given a state endorsement in consumer education and are not required to take coursework in this area. This fulfills the District 214 graduation requirement.

Target Population: Students interested in demonstrating proficiency in the State requirements for consumer education (optional)
Dates: Tuesday, October 7 or Wednesday, October 8, 2008 or Tuesday, January 27 or Wednesday, January 28, 2009
Places: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W

College-Bound Assessment Program

American College Testing Service Assessment (ACT and ACT+) measures educational development in the areas of English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning. This assessment measures skills necessary for success in post secondary educational settings, including students’ reasoning abilities and knowledge of subject matter fields. Although all Saturday ACT tests are optional, many post secondary institutions require the test. ACT offers an optional 30-minute writing test (ACT+). The ACT test has been given as part of the PSAE in April. For more information, visit www.act.org/path/parent/.

Target Population: Predominantly college-bound 11th and 12th grade students. Fee: approximately \$30 (writing test additional \$14.50)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Locations</u>
September 13, 2008	August 12, 2008	BG, JH, P, RM, W
October 25, 2008	September 19, 2008	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
December 13, 2008	November 7, 2008	BG, EG, JH, P, RM
February 7, 2009	January 6, 2009	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
*April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
*June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	EG, JH, P, RM, W

An asterisk (*) indicates test dates recommended for junior students. All test dates are Saturdays.

Advanced Placement Tests (AP) are offered for students who have pursued college-level AP courses while still in secondary school. Certain score levels on tests may allow students to receive advanced placement and/or credit upon entering college. For more information, visit www.collegeboard.com/parents/tests

Target Population: Students enrolled in AP courses (optional).
Fee: approximately \$85 for each test
Dates: Monday, May 4, through Friday, May 15, 2009 (Application deadline is approximately March 6, 2009. Contact Assessment Coordinator for specific deadline dates.)
Location: Forest View Educational Center, Building A

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) (optional) measures verbal and math reasoning abilities. It is a predictor for the SAT test, and the score can be converted to an ACT score. Scores from the PSAT may qualify students to be National Merit Scholars.

Target Population: 11th grade students planning to enter college or wanting a college scholarship or 10th grade students who want the experience of taking a SAT formatted test before 11th grade. Fee: approximately \$20

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Saturday, October 18, 2008	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
Wednesday, October 15, 2008	Forest View Educational Center, Building A

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) - Reasoning Tests measure writing, critical reading, and mathematics abilities. The writing section contains a short essay and multiple-choice questions on grammar, usage and word choice. The critical reading section contains items on reading comprehension, sentence completions, and paragraph length critical reading. The mathematics section includes number and operations, algebra and functions, geometry, statistics, probability, and data analysis. Although optional, this test is required by some post secondary institutions. For more information, visit www.collegeboard.com/parents/tests.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) - Subject Tests are offered to aid college placement in specific subject areas (optional). Students may choose from the following: Literature, U.S. History, World History, Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and foreign language Tests. Please contact your assessment coordinator for information. For more information, visit www.collegeboard.com/parents/tests.

Target Population: Predominantly college-bound 11th and 12th grade students. Fee: SAT only - approximately \$45 Subject Area Tests – approximately \$20-\$49
Location: EG

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 4, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2008
November 1, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 26, 2008
January 24, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	December 26, 2008
March 14, 2009	SAT only	February 10, 2009
*May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	March 31, 2009
*June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5, 2009

An asterisk (*) indicates test dates recommended for junior students. All test dates are Saturdays.

Life and Career Planning Assessment Program

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) (optional) consists of ten short tests, which constitute the three-hour battery. Students are able to use the battery score, along with a short interest and value inventory, to determine job categories that best suit their abilities and personality. Although this test is sponsored by the U.S. Armed Services, the majority of the professions assessed by this instrument are civilian in nature (i.e., business, medical, education, engineering, etc.). District 214 does release the ASVAB scores to military recruiters. Any parent/guardian who wishes such information not be released should contact the student services department per district policy. The scores of students for whom such a request has been submitted will not be provided to military recruiters. For more information, visit www.asvabprogram.com.

Target Population: 11th and 12th grade students who wish to investigate more specific careers. The ASVAB is sponsored by the Armed Services.

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2008

Location: Forest View Education Center, Building A.

Other Life/Career Planning Assessments

Each school offers a variety of life and career planning assessments, which students may request. Contact the Student Services Division for more information.

Assessment Calendar by Month

September 2008

Saturday, September 13 ACT

October 2008

Saturday, October 4 SAT and Subject Tests
Tuesday, October 7 ICEPT
Wednesday, October 8 ICEPT
Wednesday, October 15 PSAT make-up
Saturday, October 18 PSAT
Saturday, October 25 ACT, PSAE Day 1 Retake
Tuesday, October 28 PSAE Day 2 Retake

November 2008

Saturday, November 1 SAT and Subject Tests
Thursday, November 13 ASVAB

December 2008

Saturday December 13 ACT

January 2009

January – March ACCESS for ELL
Saturday, January 24 SAT and Subject Tests
Tuesday, January 27 ICEPT
Wednesday, January 28 ICEPT

February 2009

Saturday, February 7 ACT
February 23 – March 6 Careers Activities Survey

March 2009

Saturday, March 14 SAT

April 2009

Saturday, April 4 ACT
Wednesday, April 22 PLAN, Institutional
Wednesday, April 22 PSAE Day 1
Thursday, April 23 PSAE Day 2

May 2009

Saturday, May 2 SAT and Subject Tests
Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 15 AP Exams
Wednesday, May 6 PSAE Day 1 Make-up
Thursday, May 7 PSAE Day 2 Make-up
TBA Senior Survey

June 2009

Saturday, June 6 SAT and Subject Tests
Saturday, June 13 ACT

Any Month

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