



# Township High School District 214

## Tests and Assessments

### 2009-2010

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 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 28, 2010

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

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### *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 28, 2010

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

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*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, Forest View Alternative School, and Vanguard School

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**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 2010  
**Locations:** BG, EG, RM, W, Forest View Alternative School, Newcomer Center, and Young Adult Program.

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***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 28 and Thursday, April 29, 2010  
**Makeup:** Wednesday, May 12 and Thursday, May 13, 2010  
**Locations:** BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Forest View Alternative School, Newcomer Center, Vanguard School, and Young Adult Program

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***Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) Retake*** is a second administration of the PSAE that gives 12<sup>th</sup> 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 24, 2009	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
Tuesday, October 27, 2009	Forest View Educational Center, Building A

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***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, 2010  
**Locations:** BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Forest View Alternative School, and Vanguard School

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***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, September 29 or Wednesday, September 30, 2009 or Tuesday, February 2 or Wednesday, February 3, 2010  
**Places:** BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W

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**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/](http://www.act.org/path/parent/).

**Target Population:** Predominantly college-bound 11th and 12th grade students. Fee: approximately \$32 (writing test additional \$15)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Locations</u>
September 12, 2009	August 7, 2009	BG, JH, P, RM, W
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
*April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
*June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	BG, EG, JH, P, W

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

High School abbreviations: Buffalo Grove = BG, Elk Grove = EG, John Hersey = JH, Prospect = P, Rolling Meadows = RM, Wheeling = W

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**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](http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/tests)

**Target Population:** Students enrolled in AP courses (optional).  
**Fee:** approximately \$85 for each test  
**Dates:** Monday, May 3, through Friday, May 14, 2010  
**Location:** Forest View Educational Center, Building A

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**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 17, 2009	BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W
Wednesday, October 14, 2009	Forest View Educational Center, Building A

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**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](http://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. For more information, visit [www.collegeboard.com/parents/tests](http://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 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 1, 2009
January 23, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010
*May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010
*June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	April 29, 2010

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### 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](http://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 19, 2009

**Location:** Forest View Education Center, Building A.

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### **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.

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## Assessment Calendar by Month

### September 2009

Saturday, September 12 ACT  
Tuesday, September 29 ICEPT  
Wednesday, September 30 ICEPT

### October 2009

Saturday, October 10 SAT and Subject Tests  
Wednesday, October 14 PSAT make-up  
Saturday, October 17 PSAT  
Saturday, October 24 ACT, PSAE Day 1 Retake  
Tuesday, October 27 PSAE Day 2 Retake

### November 2009

Saturday, November 7 SAT and Subject Tests  
Thursday, November 19 ASVAB

### December 2009

Saturday December 12 ACT

### January 2010

January – March ACCESS for ELL  
Saturday, January 23 SAT and Subject Tests

### February 2010

Tuesday, February 2 ICEPT  
Wednesday, February 3 ICEPT  
Saturday, February 6 ACT  
February 23 – March 6 Careers Activities Survey

### March 2010

Saturday, March 13 SAT

### April 2010

Saturday, April 10 ACT  
Wednesday, April 28 PLAN, Institutional ACT  
Wednesday, April 28 PSAE Day 1  
Thursday, April 29 PSAE Day 2

### May 2010

Saturday, May 1 SAT and Subject Tests  
Monday, May 3 - Friday, May 15 AP Exams  
Wednesday, May 12 PSAE Day 1 Make-up  
Thursday, May 13 PSAE Day 2 Make-up

### June 2010

Saturday, June 5 SAT and Subject Tests  
Saturday, June 12 ACT

### Any Month

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## Assessment Coordinators

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Carol Biging - (847) 718-4425

**John Hersey High School** – H.S. Code 140-097  
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**Prospect High School** – H.S. Code 143-062  
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**Rolling Meadows High School** – H.S. Code 143-736  
JoAnn Schindler – (847) 718-5632

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