



# Township High School District 214 Assessments 2021-2022

District 214 administers assessments to its students to provide them, their parents, and high school staff with performance information. The 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 the decision making processes
- Helping staff understand and effectively utilize assessment data

Township High School District 214 coordinates district-wide assessment programs for high school students.

1. **State of Illinois Assessment Program** that complies with the requirements of the State Board of Education.
2. **College-Bound Assessments** aid students in making decisions with regards to their college plans. These are assessments such as the National ACT and SAT where students register for the test online.

This pamphlet describes the assessments, Student Population, date and place for each assessment. Current fees shown for optional tests are subject to change.

## **Testing Accommodations**

If your student requires accommodations for testing under an IEP or 504 plan and will register for one of the optional assessments, please contact the counselor or case manager in your school at the beginning of the school year to learn how to apply for accommodations for the specific tests.

## **State of Illinois Assessment Program**

**PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10** are assessments in the College Board's SAT Suite of Assessments. The PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 are guidance resources that help students measure their current academic development, explore AP course options, and assess readiness for college and career options. The assessments include Reading, Writing and Language, and Math. The PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 will help prepare students for the SAT

assessment taken during their junior year and are state required assessments.

### **PSAT 8/9**

Student Population: 9th grade students  
Date: September 22, 2021 and April 14, 2022  
Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Newcomer Center, TAFV, Vanguard, and YAP.  
Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9> for more information.

### **PSAT 10**

Student Population: 10th grade students  
Date: April 14, 2022  
Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Newcomer Center, TAFV, Vanguard, and YAP.  
Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> for more information.

### **SAT State Testing**

A state-funded SAT assessment will be administered to all high school juniors and is a graduation requirement. This in-school administration will include the essay. See below, under College Bound Assessments, for more information about the SAT.

Student Population: 11<sup>th</sup> grade students  
Date: April 13, 2022  
Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Newcomer Center, TAFV, Vanguard, and YAP.

**ISA - Illinois Science Assessment** is a state required science assessment that will be administered to students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The assessment is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Visit <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx> for more information.

Student Population: 11<sup>th</sup> grade students  
Dates: March/April 2022  
Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Newcomer Center, TAFV, Vanguard, and YAP.

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

Student Population: All Students in the ELL Program  
Dates: January/February 2022  
Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Newcomer Center, TAFV, Vanguard and YAP.

**Seal of Biliteracy** –The Illinois State Board of Education's Seal of Biliteracy Program will place an official seal on diplomas and official recognition will be placed on transcripts of students who qualify in both English and another language. District 214 offers the AAPPL and Avant Stamp Language Assessments to help students qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy. The AAPPL is available in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Thai. The Avant Stamp 4S is available in Hebrew and Polish. More information can be found in the [D214 Academic Programs & Pathways Guidebook](#) on page 331. Registration will be available on the announcement section of the high school website in the fall.

Student Population: Grade 11 and Grade 12 students who have met the English requirement.  
 Fee: \$25  
 Dates: September/November 2021  
 Location: Forest View Educational Center

### College-Bound Assessments

**ACT** is a college readiness exam. The test measures a student's general educational achievement and ability to complete college level work. The multiple-choice tests cover four curriculum areas: English, math, reading and science. An optional writing test measures skills in planning and writing a short essay. Test questions are directly related to what students study in their high school courses. Although optional, the ACT or the SAT is required for admission by many post-secondary institutions. For more information and to view all ACT test dates and to register, visit <https://act.org/student>.

Grade: Predominantly college-bound 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
 Fee: approximately \$60(ACT + writing test \$85).

District 214 has applied to offer the following test dates. At this point the dates may not all be finalized. ACT determines the locations of the tests. All test dates are Saturdays.

<u>ACT Dates *</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Locations</u>
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021	BG, W
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	EG, JH
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	P, RM, W

\*Note: The ACT will be open for both standard and accommodation testing only on the dates listed above at each school.

**AP - Advanced Placement Tests** are offered for students who have pursued college-level AP courses while in high school. Certain score levels on tests may allow students to receive advanced placement and/or credit upon entering college. Registration/payment for AP Exams are now required in the fall through the Assessment Center. For more information, visit <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/what-is-ap>

Student Population: Students enrolled in AP courses (optional).  
 Fee: approximately \$95 for each test  
 Dates: Monday, May 2, through Friday, May 13, 2022  
 Location: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, and W

**PSAT/NMSQT - Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test** measures the reading, writing and language, and math skills needed for college and career. Scores from the PSAT/NMSQT may qualify 11<sup>th</sup> grade students to be National Merit Scholars and enables students who score at the highest levels to qualify for college scholarships. It allows students to compare their academic skills with those of other college-bound students. The PSAT/NMSQT is administered during the school day, and is an optional exam offered to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students only. Registration/payment will be available in the fall through the Assessment Center. For more information visit: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>.

If your student requires accommodations for testing under an IEP or 504 plan and will register for PSAT/NMSQT, contact the counselor or case manager in your school as soon as possible. The deadline to apply to College Board for accommodations is August 24, 2021.

Student Population: Predominantly College-bound 11<sup>th</sup> grade students to qualify for National Merit Scholars or other college scholarships.  
 Fee: approximately \$30  
 Date: October 13, 2021  
 Location: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, and W

**SAT** measures the knowledge and skills that research shows are essential for college and career readiness and success. The assessment is composed of Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math. Although optional, the SAT or the ACT is required for admission by many post-secondary institutions. For more information, to view all SAT dates and to register, visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/inside-the-test>

Student Population: Predominantly college-bound 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
 Fee: approximately \$55

## SAT continued

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<u>SAT Dates*</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Locations</u>
August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021	BG, JH
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021	W
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021	P
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	RM, W
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	W

\*Note: The SAT will be open for both standard and accommodation testing only on the dates listed above at each school.

## Assessment Calendar by Month 2021-2022

### August

Saturday, August, 28 SAT

### September

Saturday, September 11 ACT  
September 22 PSAT 8/9  
September 23 & 29 Seal of Biliteracy

### October

Saturday, October 2 SAT  
Wednesday, October 13 PSAT/NMSQT

### November

Saturday, November 6 SAT  
November (Date not set yet) Seal of Biliteracy

### December

Saturday, December 4 SAT  
Saturday, December 11 ACT

### January

January/February ACCESS for ELL

### February

Saturday, February 12 ACT

### March

Saturday, March 12 SAT  
March/April IL Science Assessment

### April

Wednesday, April 13 State SAT  
Thursday, April 14 PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10

### May

May 2 - May 13 AP Exams

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