

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
- Obtaining data 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.
- Training staff to understand and effectively utilize assessment data.

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

- **State of Illinois Assessment Program** that complies with the requirements of the State Board of Education.
- **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 brochure 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: April 13, 2023

Locations: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, WHS, and Specialized Schools

For more information: Visit <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>

PSAT 10

Student Population: 10th grade students

Date: April 13, 2023

Locations: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, WHS, and Specialized Schools

For more information: Visit <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-10>

SAT STATE TESTING

A state-funded **SAT with Essay** assessment will be administered to all high school juniors and is a graduation requirement. See the College-Bound Assessments section, for more information about the SAT.

Student Population: 11th grade students

Date: April 12, 2023

Locations: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, WHS, and Specialized Schools

ISA - ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

The **ISA (Illinois Science Assessment)** is a state required science assessment that will be administered to all high school juniors. The assessment is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). For more information <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx> for more information.

Student Population: 11th grade students

Dates: March/April 2023

Locations: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, WHS, and Specialized Schools

ACCESS FOR ELLs

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 English Learner (EL) Program

Dates: January/February 2023

Locations: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, WHS, and Specialized Schools

SEAL OF BILITERACY

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 at <https://www.d214.org/assessments>. Registration will be available on the announcement section of the high school website in mid-August.

Student Population: 11th and 12th grade students who have met the English requirement

Fee: \$40

Dates: Tentative September 22, September 28 and November 17, 2022

Location: To be determined

College-Bound Assessments (optional)

ACT

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 covers 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 11th and 12th grade students

Fee: approximately \$63 (ACT + writing test \$88).

District 214 has applied to offer the following test dates, but are not finalized. ACT determines the locations of the tests. All test dates are Saturdays.

ACT Dates*	Registration Deadline	Locations
September 10, 2022	August 5	WHS
October 22, 2022	September 16	RMHS
December 10, 2022	November 4	EGHS, JHHS
February 11, 2023	January 6	BGHS, PHS

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

AP - ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP (Advanced Placement) exams 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 high school Assessment Center. For more information, visit <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>.

Student Population: Students enrolled in AP courses (optional)

Fee: approximately \$97 for each test

Dates: Monday, May 1, through Friday, May 12, 2023

Location: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, and WHS

PSAT/NMSQT

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 11th 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 11th grade students only. Registration/payment will be available in the fall through the high school Assessment Center. For more information visit: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>.

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 23, 2022.

Student Population: College-bound 11th grade students to qualify for National Merit Scholars or other college scholarships.

Fee: approximately \$30

Date: October 12, 2022

Location: BGHS, EGHS, JHHS, PHS, RMHS, and WHS

SAT

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://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>.

Student Population: Predominantly college-bound 11th and 12th grade students.

Fee: approximately \$60

District 214 has applied to offer the following test dates, but are not finalized. College Board determines the locations of the tests. All test dates are Saturdays.

SAT Dates*	Registration Deadline	Locations
August 27, 2022	July 29	BGHS
October 1, 2022	September 2	JHHS
September 17, 2022 (Digital SAT)	Look for an email from College Board for more information.	WHS
November 5, 2022	October 7	PHS
December 3, 2022	November 3	RMHS
March 11, 2023	February 10	WHS

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

Assessment Calendar by Month 2022-2023

AUGUST 2022

Saturday, August, 27 **SAT**

SEPTEMBER 2022

Saturday, September 10 **ACT**

September 22 and 28 **Seal of Biliteracy**

OCTOBER 2022

Saturday, October 1 **SAT**

Wednesday, October 12 **PSAT/NMSQT**

Saturday, October 22 **ACT**

NOVEMBER 2022

Saturday, November 5 **SAT**

November 17 **Seal of Biliteracy**

DECEMBER 2022

Saturday, December 3 **SAT**

Saturday, December 10 **ACT**

JANUARY 2023

January/February **ACCESS for ELLs**

FEBRUARY 2023

Saturday, February 11 **ACT**

MARCH 2023

Saturday, March 11 **SAT**

March/April **IL Science Assessment**

APRIL 2023

Wednesday, April 12 **State SAT with Essay**

Thursday, April 13 **PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10**

MAY 2023

May 1– May 12 **AP Exams**

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