



Township High School District 214

Assessments 2018-2019

District 214 administers assessments to its students to provide them, their parents, and their high schools' 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 their decision making processes
- Helping district 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, target 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 A state funded PSAT 8/9 assessment will be administered to all high school freshmen. The PSAT 8/9 is one of the assessments in the College Board's SAT Suite of Assessments and measures the knowledge and skills that research shows are most essential for college and career readiness and success, at the level of content and skill appropriate for 8th and 9th grade. The assessment includes Reading, Writing and Language, and Math. Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/> for more information.

PSAT 8/9 cont.

Target Population: 9th grade students

Date: April 9, 2019

Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, TAFV, and Vanguard

PSAT 10 A state funded PSAT 10 assessment will be administered to all high school sophomores. The PSAT 10 is one of the assessments in the College Board's SAT Suite of Assessments. The PSAT 10 measures the knowledge and skills that research shows are most essential for college and career readiness and success. The assessment includes Reading, Writing and Language, and Math. Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/> for more information.

Target Population: 10th grade students

Date: April 9, 2019

Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, TAFV, and Vanguard

SAT State Testing A state-funded SAT assessment will be administered to all high school juniors. This in-school administration will include the optional writing test. See below, under College Bound Assessments, for more information about the SAT. All 11th grade students must take the SAT to become a 12th grade student, as well as to receive a regular high school diploma.

Target Population: 11th grade students

Date: April 9, 2019

Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Newcomer Center, TAFV, Vanguard, and YAP.

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) is a state required science assessment that will be administered to students enrolled in Biology I. The assessment is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Visit <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isa.htm> for more information.

Target Population: Students in Biology I (typically 9th grade)

Dates: March/April 2019

Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Newcomer Center, TAFV, Vanguard, and YAP.

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/February 2019

Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W, Newcomer Center, TAFV, Vanguard and YAP.

College-Bound Assessments

ACT measures educational development in English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning and an optional writing test. This assessment measures skills necessary for success in post-secondary educational settings, including students' reasoning abilities and knowledge of subject matter fields. The ACT also has an interest inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests in various career areas. Although optional, this test or the SAT is required for admission by many post-secondary institutions. For more information and to register, visit www.act.org/path/parent/.

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

Fee: approximately \$46 (writing test additional \$16.50).

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 8, 2018	August 10, 2018	JH, P, W
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	EG, JH, P, W
February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019	BG, JH, RM
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	EG
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	W

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

Advanced Placement Tests (AP) 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. For more information, visit apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap/for-parents

Target Population: Students enrolled in AP courses (optional).

Fee: approximately \$94 for each test

Dates: Monday, May 6, through Friday, May 17, 2019

Location: Forest View Educational Center (FVEC) or high school attended

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

(optional) measures the reading, writing and language, and math skills needed for college and career. The PSAT/NMSQT can be used as a practice for the SAT. 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.

The PSAT/NMSQT can be used as a predictor for SAT scores. It allows students to compare their academic skills with those of other college-bound students.

PSAT/NMSQT cont.

Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> for more information about the 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 21, 2018.

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

Date: October 10, 2018

Locations: BG, EG, JH, P, RM, W

Fee: approximately \$30

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, Math, and an optional essay test. Although optional, the SAT or the ACT is required for admission by many post-secondary institutions. **SAT Subject Tests** are offered to aid college placement in specific subject areas. Students may choose from 20 SAT subject tests. In March 2016, the SAT was redesigned. For more information about the changes and to register, visit

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/test-design>.

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

Fee: approximately \$46 (essay test additional \$14).

Subject Area Tests – approximately \$26 each

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

<u>SAT Dates*</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Locations</u>
August 25, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	July 27, 2018	BG
October 6, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	September 7, 2018	W
November 3, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	October 5, 2018	JH, P
December 1, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	November 2, 2018	BG
March 9, 2019	SAT only	February 8, 2019	JH, W
June 1, 2019	SAT & Subject Tests	May 3, 2019	RM

*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

August 2018

Saturday, August, 25 SAT and Subject Tests

September 2018

Saturday, September 8 ACT

October 2018

Saturday, October 6 SAT and Subject Tests

Wednesday, October 10 PSAT/NMSQT

November 2018

Saturday, November 3 SAT and Subject Tests

December 2018

Saturday, December 1 SAT and Subject Tests

Saturday, December 8 ACT

January 2019

January/February ACCESS for ELL

February 2019

Saturday, February 9 ACT

March 2019

Saturday, March 9 SAT only

March/April IL Science Assessment

April 2019

Tuesday, April 9 PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, SAT

Saturday, April 13 ACT

May 2019

May 6 - May 17 AP Exams

June 2019

Saturday, June 1 SAT and Subject Tests

Saturday, June 8 ACT

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