

District 214 Assessments

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.

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 optional assessments such as the National ACT and SAT where students register for the test online directly through the testing companies.

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

PreACT 9 Secure, PreACT Secure and ACT with Essay are online assessments in ACT's Suite of Assessments. PreACT assessments offer 9th and 10th grade students an early opportunity with ACT's test items, provides a predicted ACT test score, and offers information to help students get the start they need to be college and career ready. The PreACT 9 Secure, PreACT Secure and ACT with Essay are state required assessments. Junior students must take the in-school online ACT with Essay to receive a regular high school diploma, unless the student is eligible to take the alternative assessment or otherwise exempt from testing. Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, changes are coming to the ACT and the PreACT. More information can be found at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-changes/enhancements.html>.

PreACT 9 SECURE

Student Population: 9th grade students

Date: April 8, 2025

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

PreACT SECURE

Student Population: 10th grade students

Date: April 8, 2025

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

DIGITAL ACT STATE TESTING

A state-funded **ACT with Essay** online 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 ACT.

Student Population: 11th grade students

Date: April 9, 2026

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 2026

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, Avant Stamp and ALTA Language Assessments to help students qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy. More information about the language assessments available can be found at <https://www.d214.org/sealofbiliteracy>. Students who do not meet the Intermediate high proficiency, but who demonstrate a proficiency of Intermediate low can receive a notation of Commendation. Registration will be available on the announcement section of the high school website in September and January. If you have specific questions, contact the World Language Social Science Division Head at your school.

Student Population: 9th through 12th grade students

Fee: \$25

Test Windows: October 13 - November 14 and February 11 - March 6

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

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 and reading. Students may also choose to take the optional writing and science sections. 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. Students will have an option to choose whether to take the exam on paper or digitally. On Saturday test dates, high schools in District 214 will offer the paper ACT. For more information, 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 \$68. Additional \$4 for science and \$25 for writing.

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.

| Paper ACT Dates* | Registration Deadline | Locations |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| September 6, 2025 | August 19, 2025 | EGHS, WHS |
| October 18, 2025 | September 12, 2025 | BGHS |
| December 13, 2025 | November 7, 2025 | JHHS |
| February 14, 2026 | January 7, 2026 | PHS, RMHS |

* 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/>. Your AP teacher will provide more information about how to register and join MyAP during class.

Student Population: Students enrolled in AP courses (optional)

Fee: approximately \$99 for each test

Dates: May 4-15, 2026

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

PSAT/NMSQT

Digital PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). The adaptive Digital PSAT/NMSQT 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 in August.

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

Fee: approximately \$30

Dates: October 7 (at EGHS and WHS)
October 8 (at BGHS and JHHS)
October 9 (at PHS and RMHS)

Locations: 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. All National Saturday SAT exams are digital. 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 \$68

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 23, 2025 | August 8, 2025 | BGHS, PHS |
| September 13, 2025 | August 29, 2025 | JHHS |
| October 4, 2025 | September 19, 2025 | WHS |
| December 6, 2025 | November 21, 2025 | RMHS |
| March 14, 2026 | February 27, 2026 | WHS |

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

D214 Assessment Calendar 2025-2026

AUGUST 2025

Saturday, August 23 **SAT**

SEPTEMBER 2025

Saturday, September 6 **ACT**

Saturday, September 13 **SAT**

OCTOBER 2025

Saturday, October 4 **SAT**

October 13 - November 14 **Seal of Biliteracy**

October 7, 8, or 9 **PSAT/NMSQT**

Saturday, October 18 **ACT**

DECEMBER 2025

Saturday, December 6 **SAT**

Saturday, December 13 **ACT**

JANUARY 2026

January/February **ACCESS for ELLs**

FEBRUARY 2026

Saturday, February 14 **ACT**

February 11 - March 6 **Seal of Biliteracy**

MARCH 2026

Saturday, March 14 **SAT**

APRIL 2026

April 8 **PreACT 9 Secure and PreACT Secure**

April 9 **ACT with Essay**

MAY 2026

May 4 - May 15 **AP Exams**

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Assessment Information Websites

ACT SUITE OF ASSESSMENTS

(PreACT 8/9, PreACT and ACT)

<https://act.org/student>

AP

(Advanced Placement)

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org>

DIGITAL PSAT/NMSQT

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

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>

SAT

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SEAL OF BILITERACY

(The Illinois State Board of Education's Seal of Biliteracy Program)

<https://www.d214.org/sealofbiliteracy>