

# OTHS ASSESSMENT NEWS

January 2024

Illinois State Board of Education requires all students in grades 9, 10, and 11 to participate in certain assessments as part of the required accountability testing for public school students. Your partnership in this endeavor increases the success of the experience and is greatly appreciated. This newsletter outlines key dates, dismissal times, and bus schedules for test days in March/April. We kindly ask that you put these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly. Additional information regarding each assessment, practicing for the digital exam, etc. will be forthcoming as we get closer to test days.

All exams will be administered in digital format only. Students with a school-issued Chromebook may be required to use their device to take the exams.

## THREE KEY TEST DATES



Wednesday, March 20  
Wednesday, April 10  
Wednesday, April 24



### Freshmen — Class of 2027

- ◆ Wednesday, March 20 — Freshmen take PSAT 9, students dismissed at conclusion of testing.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 10 — Shortened Schedule dismissing at 11:30 am. Busses will run at that time.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 24 — Shortened Schedule dismissing at 11:30 am. Busses will run at that time.

### Sophomores — Class of 2026

- ◆ Wednesday, March 20 — Shortened Schedule dismissing at 12:00 pm. Busses will run at that time.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 10 — Sophomores take PSAT 10, students dismissed at conclusion of testing.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 24 — Shortened Schedule dismissing at 12:00 pm. Busses will run at this time.

### Juniors — Class of 2025

- ◆ Wednesday, March 20 — Shortened Schedule dismissing at 12:00 pm. Busses will run at that time.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 10 — Juniors take SAT with Essay; a graduation requirement. Students dismissed at conclusion of testing.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 24 — Juniors take Illinois Science Assessment in the afternoon; 12:30 - 2:55.

### Seniors — Class of 2024

- ◆ Wednesday, March 20 — Shortened Schedule dismissing at 12:00 pm. Busses will run at that time.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 10 — Will not report unless needing to take the SAT with Essay for graduation purposes.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 24 — Shortened Schedule dismissing at 12:00 pm. Busses will run at this time.

\* Students in self-contained programming may test during flex times within the testing window (March 18 - April 26). Please watch for communication from your individual classroom teacher.

# TEST DISMISSAL TIMES AND BUS SCHEDULES

On testing days, students testing will be dismissed when all testing has concluded for that individual testing room. Students will be allowed to leave campus if they have a ride or typically walk home. Students needing to ride the bus will wait in a designated area. Test end times vary depending on approved accommodations.

Times below are approximate. Due to unforeseen issues that might arise on test day, there may be delays.

	Standard Time Testing Rooms	Extended Time Accommodation Testing Rooms	AM Busses are Normal Time; PM Busses will run at ...
<b>PSAT 9 – Freshmen</b> <i>Wednesday, March 20</i>	Test concludes near 10:30 am	Test concludes near 11:25 am	11:30 am
<b>PSAT 10 – Sophomores</b> <i>Wednesday, April 10</i>	Test concludes near 10:45 am	Test concludes near 11:55 am	12:00 pm and 2:00 pm
<b>SAT with Essay – Juniors</b> <i>Wednesday, April 10</i>	Test concludes near 11:35 am	Test concludes near 1:45 pm	12:00 pm and 2:00 pm
<b>Illinois Science Assessment – Juniors</b> <i>Wednesday, April 24</i>	Test concludes near 2:25 pm	Test concludes near 2:25 pm	12:00 pm ( <i>sophomores and seniors</i> ) and 2:55 pm ( <i>juniors</i> )

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Attendance is important; exams are required.
- Food service for breakfast will be available on all test days. Lunch will not be served on test days. Exception - For juniors taking SAT with Essay with an extended time accommodation, a nutritional break will be provided. For juniors taking Illinois Science Assessment, lunch will be available or students are welcome to bring their own.
- The Milburn Activity bus will run on all test days.
- Sports practices on test days will be determined by individual coaches.



## QUESTIONS



### Testing Logistics

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*Assessment Coordinator*

### Testing Accommodations

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*Director of Special Services*

## Academic Questions

*Reach out to your academic counselor*

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