



**THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205**  
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District 205 Parents of Juniors (Class of 2017),

As you may know, assessments have changed significantly in the State of Illinois over the past year. For many years, our juniors have been tested using the PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Exam) which consisted of the ACT and the WorkKeys tests. Last year, we began our transition towards the PARCC assessment. However, our juniors were still able to take the ACT in addition to the PARCC.

This year, we will continue with PARCC (online) testing. More specific information regarding dates and students who will be assessed will be forthcoming.

The purpose of this communication is to let you know that there is a possibility that our juniors will not have the opportunity to take the ACT in the spring. Until the State of Illinois releases their budget, we will not know for sure. If students do not test in the spring as they have in the past, students will need to take the ACT on their own on a National Testing Day. The dates, deadlines, and information are below.

Date of Test		Registration Deadline	Possible Testing Sites
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Test</b>	September 18th	Thornton, Thornridge, Thornwood
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Test</b>	November 6th	Thornton, Thornridge, Thornwood
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Test</b>	January 8th	Thornwood, Thornridge
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Test</b>	March 4th	Thornton, Thornwood
<b>Registration at <a href="http://www.ACT.org">www.ACT.org</a></b>			
ACT (no Writing) is \$39.50			
ACT (with Writing) is \$56.50			

Please note that it is also required that when a student registers, he/she needs an Internet connection, a credit card, and an appropriate photo to upload. More information can be found by visiting this website: <http://www.actstudent.org>.

It is still a possibility that students will test with their graduating class during a school day. However, we want to be transparent and give you as much information as soon as possible in order to allow you to make informed decisions. Should you have any questions, please contact the following District 205 staff:

**Thornridge-** Patricia Fortier (708) 225-4612    **Thornton-** Jen Kuyper (708) 225-4184    **Thornwood-** Veronica Mosley-Raggs (708) 225-4827

Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Kuyper, and Mrs. Mosley-Raggs plan to be available to answer questions at Parent-Teacher Conferences in the evening on 9/24 and in the morning on 9/25

Best Regards,

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