

# HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Township High School District 113

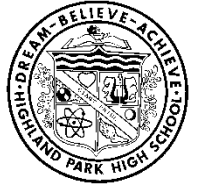
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Dear Parents/Guardians of Juniors,

**On Wednesday, September 28th, at 8:00 AM** all junior students at Highland Park High School will take a practice ACT exam without the writing portion. Please understand that this practice exam does not qualify as an official test date and may not be used in the college application process. The purpose of this practice exam is to help prepare students for official ACT exams that they may take later during their junior/senior years. In addition, by offering a practice ACT exam, our school can obtain information about our students' performances which better enables our staff to identify students who may be in need of additional academic supports and enrichment programs.

In order to administer this practice ACT exam, Highland Park High School has partnered (at no cost) with Academic Tutoring Centers, a private tutoring and test prep company that has been successfully serving students in our community for over twenty years. Academic Tutoring Centers will work in partnership with HPHS staff to administer and score the practice ACT exam. Approximately three weeks after the practice test, Academic Tutoring Centers will provide HPHS with a score report for each student that contains a detailed analysis of each student's performance on the exam. Parents and guardians will have online access to their student's score report and analysis. Students are allowed to use approved calculators (no TI-Nspire CAS allowed); HPHS will not provide them for those who come without. Students must bring a picture ID, #2 pencils (non-mechanical) and an approved calculator in working order (check the batteries).

**On Wednesday, November 2nd, at 7:00 PM** parents and guardians are invited by Academic Tutoring Centers to a Score Review Presentation at HPHS in room A343. This presentation is voluntary for all students and parents. During this presentation, Patsy Prince and Beth Sosler, Directors of Academic Tutoring Centers, will explain the ACT exam, the difference between the ACT and SAT, and offer insight into your student's test results. Mrs. Prince is one of the bestselling authors of Barron's Educational Series ACT prep guides and flashcards. If you are attending this presentation, Academic Tutoring Centers recommends that you bring your student's score report with you.

The Highland Park High School staff understands the excitement and potential anxiety that national tests such as the ACT can create for our students and families. We sincerely hope that the practice exam, and the subsequent parent meeting, will help to reduce some of the stress associated with the testing process. We also believe that the information your student will gain as a result of this practice test will be valuable in his or her college planning process.

Please note an official SAT will be offered by the Illinois State Board of Education and administered by HPHS on Wednesday, April 5th. Confirmation and details will be available as the date approaches. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Casey Wright  
Assistant Principal