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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recently made several changes to the testing expectations for Illinois schools at the high school level. ISBE developed these changes in consultation with school districts across the state and they apply to all high schools in Illinois. District 204 is adapting our testing schedules to accommodate these new mandates. A brief description of each change is given below. Specific test day information will be shared by buildings.

SAT

The essay portion of the assessment has been removed. This will still provide participating students with a college-reportable score. The SAT will be administered as planned to 11th grade students and some 12th grade students as described below. The primary testing date for the SAT remains on April 13. There will be no School Day SAT offered to the class of 2022 seniors in Fall 2021. Current 11th grade students who are unable to participate in April 2021 will be required to participate in the April 2022 School Day SAT.

SAT requirement for graduation

ISBE has suspended the requirement that **current** seniors participate in a School Day SAT. Seniors that did not test last fall are encouraged to participate in the SAT this spring, but it is not required. Seniors who did participate in the School Day SAT last fall may not participate again on April 13.

PSAT 10 for 10th grade

ISBE has cancelled the PSAT 10 for the 20-21 school year.

PSAT 9 for 9th grade

ISBE has cancelled the PSAT 9 for the 20-21 school year.

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)

No changes were made to this assessment. Current juniors will still be required to test this spring. The content of the assessment has been expanded to include Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in the areas of life science, physical science, and earth and space science. The assessment is expected to take approximately three hours. The ISA will be administered at high schools on May 3, 2021.

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