



Community High School District

Antioch Community High School ♦ Lakes Community High School

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Dear CHSD 117-Bound Soon-to-be 8th Grade Parents/Guardians,

PLEASE SAVE-THE-DATE... *this communication will come out again in the Fall:*

In an effort to assist us in gaining a clearer understanding regarding the academic preparedness of our future graduates, Community High School District 117 is requiring future freshmen to take the PSAT 8/9. This assessment will be administered at **Antioch Community High School on Saturday, September 29** and at **Lakes Community High School on Saturday, October 27**. Students should report to the school they will be attending by 7:30 a.m. on the appropriate date. Testing should be completed at approximately 11:15 a.m. All students will need a #2 pencil.

Accommodations for this assessment will be universally offered. If your student would like to take advantage of extended time (time and a half) for this assessment, please contact your school's testing coordinator (listed below) to secure a seat in an extended time testing room. This request must be made by September 21. The extended test should end at approximately 12:30 p.m. Students taking the extended time test may bring a lunch with them on testing day.

Students who cannot make the date for the school they will be attending are permitted to take the test on the alternate date, at the other school. *However, due to the logistics of accommodating such large numbers of students, we ask that you please communicate with your respective high school's test coordinator, listed below, by no later than September 21.*

The PSAT 8/9 test is part of a series of nationally-normed assessments that culminates with the SAT test. The SAT is required of all juniors in the state of Illinois and is administered in April. It is also an entrance requirement for many colleges/universities.

District 117 will be using information from the PSAT 8/9 test as one data point in the placement of students into the appropriate classes when they register for high school (February, 2019). Additionally, PSAT 8/9, in conjunction with the subsequent assessments, provide a complete set of longitudinal data for the district to measure student growth and assess its curriculum. Finally, results from this assessment will help the district better prepare students for the SAT.

We are confident in our decision to adopt PSAT 8/9 as part of the CHSD117 Assessment Program and look forward to the information that the results will provide to our students, parents/guardians, and schools.

Please direct any questions to your high school's coordinator for this assessment, listed below. We welcome the opportunity to assist you in any way and look forward to your student becoming part of our CHSD117 family next year.

Sincerely,

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