

March 9, 2012

Dear Parent:

On April 24 and 25, 2012, juniors will participate in the State-required Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE). Participation in this exam is required in order to be eligible to receive a diploma and scores are posted on transcripts. **Additionally, the Illinois State Board of Education has instructed districts that students who do not participate in the required state testing during grade 11 may not be promoted to grade 12 until the testing requirement is fulfilled the following spring.** Sophomores will be assessed at the same time as the juniors to measure their current progress toward meeting Illinois Learning Standards in reading, mathematics, and science. The sophomore assessment will mimic the State-required PSAE and be used as an indicator for areas that need to be strengthened prior to the State-required junior year assessment.

Below is the schedule of testing for sophomores at Fremd High School:

Tuesday, April 24, 2012	Day 1 Testing	7:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
	Test Preparation and Directions	40 minutes total
	Practice ACT English	45 minutes
	Practice ACT Mathematics	60 minutes
	Break	15 minutes
	Practice ACT Reading	35 minutes
	Practice ACT Science	35 minutes
	TOTAL TIME	3 hours 50 minutes
Wednesday, April 25, 2012	Day 2 Testing	7:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
	Test Preparation and Directions	20 minutes total
	Practice Science	40 minutes
	Practice WorkKeys: <i>Applied Mathematics</i>	45 minutes
	Break	15 minutes
	Practice WorkKeys: <i>Reading for Information</i>	45 minutes
	TOTAL TIME	2 hours 45 minutes
	Transition <i>Sophomores & Juniors break; Freshmen & Seniors arrive at school</i>	10:15 a.m.
Shortened Periods 1-8	10:25 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.	

Please note that testing ends at 11:20 a.m. on April 24 and sophomores will be dismissed from school at that time. Students who require test accommodations beyond 11:20 a.m. will have alternative transportation options. On April 25, testing ends at 10:15 a.m. and sophomores will then attend an abbreviated 8 period schedule. Buses will be available for those who normally use bus service.

Listed below are some ways you can assist your son or daughter in preparing for the tests.

1. Encourage your student to get plenty of sleep, especially the week of testing.
2. Encourage your son or daughter to eat a nutritious breakfast on the days of testing.
3. Your sophomore should bring four number 2 pencils with good erasers and a calculator for use on certain parts of the test.

Please encourage your child to put forth his or her best effort on this test in order to demonstrate his/her true capabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tisha A. Small". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name "Principal".

Principal