



Dear Parents/Guardians,

July 2017

Nicolet will be conducting its second annual College and Career Readiness day on Wednesday, October 18th. Students in grades 9-11 will be testing as indicated below. The senior class will attend a mandatory meeting outlining the steps to graduation followed by a class picture and several college breakout workshops that will provide recommendations on writing college letters, completing college applications, applying for scholarships, transitioning to college and career, and much more.

In addition to being an important assessment tool for Wisconsin high schools, the ACT is required by most colleges and universities as part of the admissions process. Therefore, Nicolet has created a process to expose all students to the ACT suite of assessments and to provide structured ACT prep for all juniors.

October 18: College and Career Readiness Assessment	Grade Tested
ACT Aspire <i>(to measure fall to spring growth)</i>	9
PreACT Assessment	10
ACT Practice Test	11
College Workshop Day	12

The ACT practice test is an actual retired ACT assessment geared at preparing juniors for the February 27th state mandated ACT. Results will be shared to inform students and parents about areas of strength, as well as the areas that need additional focus, prior to taking the state required ACT on February 27th.

We are excited to announce that Nicolet will again be offering an ACT prep course for interested students. This year, the prep course will be personalized based on student need, with several prep options from which to choose. There will be a minimal cost to families that take advantage of this rare opportunity. Additional information will be made available at registration and on the Nicolet website.

This year, the PSAT will be on October 11. It will not be administered during College and Career Readiness day so that all students in grades 9-11 can participate in the ACT suite of assessments. For questions regarding the PSAT, contact Mr. Jeff Artero at jeff.artero@nicolet.us.

For planning purposes, a complete list of 2017-18 standardized tests and dates are located on the back side of this letter. Please avoid vacations and appointments that will cause your student to be absent on standardized testing dates. College and Career Readiness day is a required school day for all students. If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor.

Yours in education,

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Director of Teaching and Learning



2017-18 Assessment Dates

Assessment	Grade Tested	Testing Date
PSAT (<i>identified students</i>)	10-11	October 11
ACT Aspire 9 (<i>to measure fall to spring growth</i>)	9	October 18
ACT Practice Test	11	October 18
PreACT Assessment	10	October 18
College/Career Workshop Day	12	October 18
ACT Plus Writing*	11	February 27
ACT WorkKeys*	11	February 28
ACT Aspire 9*	9	April 10
WI Forward Social Studies and ACT Aspire 10*	10	April 17 & 18
Advanced Placement (AP)	10-12	May 7-May 18

**State Mandated*

Per Wis. Stats. 118.30 (2)(b), a parent or guardian can request that a student be excused from participating in state mandated assessments. Please contact the Director of Teaching and Learning in regards to opt-out requests.