



Dear Parents/Guardians,

July 2018

Nicolet will be conducting its third annual College and Career Readiness day on Wednesday, October 10th. 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, preparing for Advanced Placement exams, and more. A copy of senior workshop sessions is included with this letter.

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 10: College and Career Readiness Assessment or Activity	Grade
ACT Aspire ( <i>to measure fall to spring growth</i> )	9
PreACT Assessment	10
PSAT (select students)	10 & 11
ACT Practice Test	11
College and Career Workshops	12

The ACT practice test is an actual retired ACT assessment geared at preparing juniors for the February 20th 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 20th.

We are excited to announce that Nicolet will again be offering a subsidized ACT Prep program for interested students. 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 also be on October 10. For questions regarding the PSAT, contact Mr. Jeff Artero at [jeff.artero@nicolet.us](mailto:jeff.artero@nicolet.us).

For planning purposes, a complete list of 2018-19 standardized tests and dates are included with 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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# Senior Workshop Schedule

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

## **7:23-8:05: Session 1**

- Auditorium
- All seniors
  - Wellness

## **8:10-8:54: Session 2**

- Cafe
  - Starting College Applications and Feedback

## **8:59-9:41: Session 3**

- Cafe
  - Writing the College Essay & Getting Feedback
    - Students are required to bring their Chromebooks

## **9:46-10:28: Session 4:**

- Community Room
  - Scholarships & Financial Aid

## **10:28-10:58: Lunch**

## **11:03-11:45: Session 5**

- F105, F108, F110, F113
  - AP Study Tips

## **11:50-1:19: Session 6**

- Auditorium
  - College Life: What to Expect



## 2018-19 Nicolet High School Assessment Dates

Assessment	Grade	Test Dates
PSAT ( <i>identified students</i> )	10-11	October 10
ACT Aspire 9 ( <i>to measure fall to spring growth</i> )	9	October 10
ACT Practice Test	11	October 10
PreACT Assessment	10	October 10
College & Career Readiness Workshops	12	October 10
ACT Plus Writing*	11	February 20
ACT WorkKeys*	11	February 21
ACT Aspire 9*	9	April 9
ACT Aspire 10*	10	April 11
WI Forward Social Studies 10*	10	April 24
Advanced Placement (AP)	10-12	May 6 -May 17

*\*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.*