



# MARENGO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of an MCHS Student,

In compliance with Illinois state testing requirements, Marengo Community High School (MCHS) will administer the SAT without essay to all Juniors, and select Seniors who are required to complete a make-up assessment from this Fall, ***which is a state-mandated graduation requirement for all students.*** The date of this assessment will be Tuesday, April 13th. All Juniors are required to be in attendance on site to participate in this assessment regardless of the student's blended learning group assignment.

Due to COVID-19, the essay portion of this assessment has been waived and will not be administered this Spring. Offering the SAT is important as it will allow us to compare our academic standing with other area high schools, measure and support our students' growth in high school, and to continue offering all students a free college entrance exam (SAT) during the school day. We recommend all students are well-rested for the SAT and eat a healthy breakfast in the morning so they can do well on this assessment.

On the day of testing, students are required to wear a mask at all times and will be subjected to the COVID-19 pre-screener questions upon check-in. If students have any of the symptoms consistent with COVID and/or a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, s/he will not be allowed to enter the building for the day. Please call the Attendance Office to report any student illness. Transportation services will be available to students who are already in the A, B, and D cohorts, as well as upon request for any students in the all remote/C cohort. Students who are in the all remote cohort can request transportation services for the day of testing by completing the following survey ***no later than April 6th at noon:*** [April 13th SAT Transportation Request](#). Once all transportation requests are reviewed for the April 13th testing date, the Transportation Department will contact you a few days prior to notify you of your pick up/drop off time and route.

The testing day schedule will proceed as follows on April 13th for all Juniors, and select Seniors:

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| 7:30 am - 7:45am   | Students will arrive, check-in and grab a bagged continental breakfast. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upon arrival, students will enter through either Student Services or the Athletic/Activities doors if transportation to school is on your own, or the District Office if riding a bus</li><li>• Once checked in, students will place their cell phone, smart watch, and/or other unapproved devices in their locker prior to arriving in the testing room</li><li>• Students must bring number 2 pencils (non-mechanical) and an <a href="#">approved calculator</a></li></ul> |
| 8:00 am - 12:15 pm | Testing will begin at approximately 8:00 am and conclude at approximately 12:15 pm; a snack will be provided to all students during a scheduled break  |

The state of Illinois has opted to waive the required Spring assessments for students in grades 9 and 10 due to COVID-19. Therefore, the following is the schedule for the week of April 12-16th for all students:

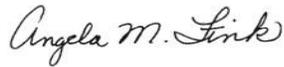
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- Monday, April 12th is an in-person attendance day for students in the A and D cohorts. Synchronous remote attendance is required for B and C students.
- On Tuesday, April 13th, **ALL Juniors are required to attend in person to take the SAT test, which is a state-mandated graduation requirement. Freshmen, Sophomores and Seniors will have asynchronous remote instruction on this day.**
- Wednesday, April 14th is an in-person attendance day for students in the A and D cohorts. Synchronous remote attendance is required for B and C students.
- Thursday, April 15th, is now an in-person attendance day for students in the B and D cohorts. Synchronous remote attendance is required for A and C students.
- Friday, April 16th, is an in-person attendance day for students in the B and D cohorts. Synchronous remote attendance is required for A and C students.

Additionally, the state of Illinois has also adjusted the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) which requires Juniors to participate in this test as well. This on-line assessment is state-mandated and aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science, incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). We have submitted a request to the state to administer this assessment during an alternate time. All Juniors will be participating in this assessment in the fall of 2021 during their senior year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Guidance Department at 815-568-6511 x 1303.

Sincerely,



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Principal



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