

SAT: What 11th Grade Students & Parents need to know

Wednesday, April 12th

Hello 11th Grade students and families,

*Wednesday, April 12th, will be a big day at Tri-Valley High School! Normal classes will not be taking place as freshmen and sophomores will take the PSAT, juniors will be off-campus taking the SAT, and seniors will be off-campus to job shadow, visit a college, or participate in community service. **Because this is an unconventional day there is a lot you need to know!** Please read over all the information provided below so your student has a positive, stress-free testing day on Wednesday.*

Sincerely,

Frank Arnolts

TVHS Principal

(1) Practice & Resource:

- [Khan Academy](#): The best way to practice for the SAT is now free for everyone. Brought to you by the College Board's test developers and Khan Academy:
- [SAT Practice Tests](#): Take a practice SAT on paper to simulate the test day experience.

(2) What Students Need to bring:

- What to Bring:
 - Two No. 2 (**non-mechanical**) pencils and erasers
 - Approved calculator (see SAT [Calculator Policy](#))
 - A watch without an alarm (Not necessary but recommended)
 - Extra batteries or a backup calculator (Not necessary but recommended)
 - Water or snacks for breaks (The juniors will have a lunch break before taking the Essay, please send snacks and a lunch for juniors only.)
- The College Board has a long list of what not to bring. Basically, you should not bring anything that is not on the above list. **Please consider leaving phones in your cars.**
- **If a device you are carrying makes noise or you are seen using it at any time, including during breaks, you may be dismissed immediately, your scores will be canceled, and the device may be confiscated to inspect its contents.**

(3) Test Day Schedule:

7:30 - Free Breakfast served at school!!

7:45 - Arrive at school

8:00 - Board busses (Last name A-L on bus 1, M-Z on bus 2)

8:30 - Arrive at IWU/Read Instructions

9:00 - 10:05 - Reading (65 minutes)

10:05 - 10:15 - Break 1 (10 minutes)

10:15 - 10:50 - Writing & Language (35 minutes)

10:50 - 11:15 - Math w/o Calculator (25 minutes)

11:15 - 11:20 - Break 2 (5 minutes)

11:20 - 12:15 - Math w/ Calculator (55 minutes)

12:15 - 12:20 - Collection of Testing Materials

12:20 - 12:25 - 5 minute break before Essay - class voted for break only.

12:25 - 12:30 - Distribution of Essay materials and instructions

12:30 - 1:35 - Essay (55 minutes)

1:35 - 1:40 - Collection of materials

1:45/1:50 - Board buses back to TV

2:15/2:20 - Arrive back at TV - students will be dismissed off the bus (students needing to ride the bus or who do not have permission to leave will remain in a study hall until 3:10 PM)

**** Students with accommodations:** *Please note that the schedule and location will be different if your student is receiving testing accommodations due to an IEP or 504. Please watch for an email from Mrs. McCane regarding those details.*

(4) Scores:

- Students have the ability to send four free scores to schools or programs. This test can be used for college admission and is accepted by colleges and universities.
- Students choose their schools during pre-administration. Pre-administration sessions will take place the week prior to after the Illinois Science Assessment (April 6th).
- Check out this [information sheet](#) for understanding your SAT scores.
- For an ACT/SAT comparison, see the [chart](#).

(5) Important Notes:

- Breakfast will be provided by the TVHS kitchen staff, beginning at 7:30 AM in the Commons. On the menu: The price will be just a regular lunch price of \$2.92 and will follow the same guidelines as lunch (with one entrée, fruit, potatoes, juice or milk). Entrees are either a breakfast casserole or donut/muffin.
- Students who come late to school on this day will be required to take the SAT on the make-up date of April 25th, as it is an Illinois graduation requirement.
- Please send your student with a sack lunch, water and snacks!
- **We ask that you avoid scheduled appointments that day until after testing is finished.**

Still have questions? Please contact Mr. Arnolts or Mrs. Howse at (309) 378-2911, or farnolts@tri-valley3.org or ehowse@tri-valley3.org.