



Smoky Hill High School

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September 25, 2018

Dear Smoky Hill Families,

A new school year brings excitement and time for students to renew commitments, set goals and prepare for college and future success. To support the achievement of each student, Smoky Hill High School will administer the ACT Aspire to 9th grade students, the Pre-ACT to 10th grade students, a Practice SAT exam to 11th grade students, as well as NMSQT, National Qualifier PSAT for 11th grade and 10th grade students who choose to take it on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018**. While the underclassmen are testing, our senior students will be involved in college preparation activities.

With new standards being more rigorous and focused, our assessments are adapting to more accurately measure student learning. Transitioning to these challenging new standards requires using next-generation assessments that measure students' knowledge of new expectations. ACT Aspire and Pre-ACT scores will reflect the knowledge and skills students develop over time and provide valuable data about students' strengths, areas for improvement and potential scores on an official ACT exam. The Practice SAT will provide 11th grade students with an estimated composite score on an official SAT exam.

On the second page of this letter, you will find the schedule for this important day. All students will report to school by 8:10 a.m. When testing concludes, students will be released for the day. Academic classes will not be held.

All students will be informed of their testing room assignments in their English classes. Additionally, staff will be available on October 10th to assist students in locating their testing room.

As parents, you can help us by supporting your student during the time they spend testing. Please encourage your child to eat well, get plenty of rest and to do their very best on this assessment. If you have questions regarding the events on October 10, please contact Matthew Gonzales, Assistant Principal at 720-886-5412.

Respectfully,

Smoky Hill High School Administration and Staff

Helpful Testing Hints

1. Get sufficient rest the night before the test.
2. Follow directions exactly as they are given.
3. Select only one answer to each question.
4. Read each question carefully and completely.
5. Answer every question. There is no penalty for guessing.
6. Pace yourself throughout the test.
7. Answer the easy questions first.
8. If you finish a test early, re-read the questions and your answers for any mistakes.

| ACT Aspire (9 th) | | Pre-ACT (10 th) | | Practice SAT (11 th) | |
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| 8:20-10:30 | Testing (English and Math) | 8:20-10:45 | Testing (English and Math) | 8:20-10:35 | Testing (Reading and Writing) |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break | 10:45-10:55 | Break | 10:35-10:45 | Break |
| 10:45-12:55 | Testing (Reading and Science) | 10:55-12:00 | Testing (Reading and Science) | 10:45-12:20 | Testing (Math) |
| 1:05 | Dismissal | 12:20 | Dismissal | 12:30 | Dismissal |
| 1:05-1:30 | Lunch | 12:20-1:30 | Lunch | 12:30-1:30 | Lunch |
| 1:30 | Buses Depart | 1:30 | Buses Depart | 1:30 | Buses Depart |
| 3:30 | Late Buses Depart | 3:30 | Late Buses Depart | 3:30 | Late Buses Depart |
| NMSAQ (10th and 11th) | | | | | |
| | 8:20-9:30 | Pre-Bubbling | | | |
| | 9:30-10:30 | Testing (Reading) | | | |
| | 10:30-10:35 | Break | | | |
| | 10:35-11:35 | Testing (Writing and Language and Math, No Calculator) | | | |
| | 11:35-11:40 | Break | | | |
| | 11:40-12:25 | Testing (Math with Calculator) | | | |
| | 12:25 | Dismissal | | | |
| | 12:25-1:30 | Lunch | | | |
| | 1:30 | Buses Depart | | | |
| | 3:30 | Late Buses Depart | | | |