

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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April 7, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians of Junior Students,

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires junior-year students take the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) on **April 23rd and 24th, 2014**. On April 23rd all juniors will take the first part of the PSAE, a regular ACT, plus Writing. On April 24th juniors will take tests developed by the Illinois State Board of Education.

All juniors will report to the Gold Building for testing. Students must report to testing rooms no later than 7:25 am both days. Late students will not be admitted to testing rooms. Testing room assignments will be online a week prior to the PSAE. Students should bring pencils and a calculator to the exams, and must present a photo ID for admission to their testing room. **No cell phones are permitted in testing rooms.**

Buses will run regular AM routes on both testing days. However, all students will be dropped off at the Main Building, including juniors. Juniors riding the bus will have time to walk to the Freshman Building for testing. Students will be released from school at the conclusion of the exams. **On April 23rd students will be dismissed at 11:45, and busses will depart at 12:00. On April 24th students will be dismissed at 11:20, and busses will depart at 11:35. After testing, juniors will need to walk to the Main Building to catch their bus.**

There are other important reasons for students to strive to do well on the PSAE:

- Students will be able to use the ACT test scores for most college admissions.
- Students who score well will receive a PSAE award noted on their transcripts.
- NVHS uses these test scores to measure the effectiveness of its instructional programs, as it works to continually improve the quality of education it offers.

It is imperative that your student takes the PSAE on April 23 and 24. State law requires all students to take the Prairie State Achievement Examination to receive a regular high school diploma. If he/she misses either of the two days, a doctor's note is required to excuse the absence, and the day's test must be made up in May.

The state has developed an informational web site for your use at <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/psae.htm>. Please contact Lance Fuhrer, Assistant Principal for Curriculum & Instruction at (630) 428-6014 if you need further clarification regarding the PSAE.

Sincerely,



Robert McBride, Ed.D.
Principal



Lance Fuhrer
Assistant Principal for Curriculum & Instruction

PSAE Testing

Report to rooms at the Gold building by 7:25am

Wednesday, 4/23

- ACT English
- ACT Math
- ACT Reading
- ACT Science

Thursday, 4/24

- ISBE Science
- WorkKeys Math
- WorkKeys Reading
- Locating Information