

Dear Amundsen Family,

CPS high school students take the state-mandated SAT college entrance exam or the preliminary SAT (PSAT) each spring to help understand how they are growing academically and preparing for post-secondary opportunities compared to their peers across the state and nationally. To accommodate student testing, Chicago Public Schools has adjusted the attendance requirements for April 9th and 10th.

On Tuesday, April 9, 2019, the SAT will be administered to 11th grade students and select 12th grade students who have not met the state-mandated exam requirement yet. On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, the PSAT will be administered to 9th and 10th grade students. In addition, 11th and 12th grade students who qualify for extended test time accommodations for the SAT will complete their testing on April 10, 2019.

Please consult the following table to understand on which date(s) your child should be in school on April 9th and April 10th.

<b>Tuesday, April 9, 2019</b>
<b>Your child is required to attend school, if he or she falls into one of the following categories:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is an 11th grade student taking the SAT</li> <li>• Is a 12th grade student taking the SAT to graduate</li> </ul>
<b>Your child is not required to attend school if he or she falls into one of the following categories:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a 9th or 10th grade student</li> <li>• Is a 12th grade student who is not required to take the SAT to graduate</li> <li>• Is a high school student who qualifies for DLM-AA</li> </ul>

<b>Wednesday, April 10, 2019</b>
<b>Your child is required to attend school, if he or she falls into one of the following categories:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a 9th grade student taking the PSAT 8/9</li> <li>• Is a 10th grade student taking the PSAT 10</li> <li>• Is an 11th and 12th grade student who is required to be administered the SAT over two days</li> </ul>
<b>Your child is not required to attend school if he or she falls into one of the following categories:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is an 11th or 12th grade student who took the SAT on April 9 and does not require to be tested over two days per an IEP or 504 Plan</li> </ul>

While students can't study for a standardized assessment like they would for a regular classroom assessment, there are ways you can help your child prepare to do their best:

- Ensure your student attends school regularly so that they don't miss out on important instruction
- Talk to your child about testing so that they understand why they are being tested
- Help your child maintain a positive mindset by reminding them of their strengths and accomplishments
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before the exam
- Ensure your child arrives to school on time on the day of the exam
- Remind your student to take their time on the exam, listen to and read all directions, and tackle one question at a time

If you have questions about the SAT or PSAT, please reach out to me. As always, we encourage our students to do their best every day. Thank you for your partnership in your student's academic success.

Sincerely,



Anna Pavichevich, Principal