

VERNON HILLS



HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in the Class of 2016:

This fall, your student will be in 8th grade and will begin the process of enrolling in high school for the following school year. We want to make you aware of the testing date and procedure for high school enrollment far enough in advance for you to plan your fall activities.

We will hold the EXPLORE testing at Vernon Hills High School on Saturday, November 5, 2011. We ask that all students arrive at VHHS between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. to begin testing at 8:30 in assigned classrooms. Testing should be complete around 11:00 a.m. and your student should be ready for pick-up then. If any students have Individualized Education Plans or have 504 Plan accommodations, those students should be finished testing by approximately 11:30 that morning. We will work with your child's school to identify those students who may need accommodations for the placement tests.

All Hawthorn students who live in the Choice Zone will test at VHHS. The Choice Zone decision and declaration of which District 128 high school to attend does not have to be made until well after the testing, usually at the end of January. If your student lives in the Mundelein High School or Adlai E. Stevenson High School district boundaries, they must take the placement tests for that particular school. Where your student attends high school is determined by your address, not by the feeder school he or she attends.

The EXPLORE test is a precursor to the ACT test students take as a junior. The EXPLORE test has four sections: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. Each test section is 30 minutes long. The student will receive sub scores for each section and an average or "composite" score, ranging from 1 to 25. This test is only one component of placement recommendations made by our department supervisors for your student as they enter 9th grade.

We will send more information to you later regarding the November 5 test date. Be sure to check the VHHS website and your school website for updates. If you have questions, please contact Sue Butler, Counseling Supervisor at (847) 932-2267 or sue.butler@d128.org. Thank you for your help and cooperation in this enrollment process.

Sincerely,

Ellen D. Cwick, Ed.D.
Principal