

VERNON HILLS



HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear 7th Grade Parents/Guardians:

Next 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 new testing date and procedure for high school enrollment far enough in advance for you to plan your fall activities.

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 28. Please encourage your son/daughter to take this test seriously, as it is a very important component in the placement process for high school.

We will hold the EXPLORE testing at Vernon Hills High School on Saturday, November 14, 2009. 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 Hawthorn Middle North and South to identify those students who may need accommodations for the placement tests.

If a student is ill on November 14, we will have a make-up test date here at VHHS on Tuesday, November 17. All Hawthorn students who live in the Choice Zone will test at VHHS. The decision of which District 128 high school to attend does not have to be made until after the testing. 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.

We will send more information to you later regarding the November 14 test date. Be sure to check both Hawthorn and VHHS web sites for updates. If you have questions, please contact Counseling Department Supervisor, Sue Butler, at (847) 932-2267 or sue.butler@d128.org. Thank you for your help and cooperation in this enrollment process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ellen D. Cwick

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