Placement Testing
Parent Information Night
October 1, 2018
Welcome to
Addison Trail High School

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• Why placement tests are important
• How 8th graders are placed into courses
• Preparing for High School
Future Focus

BLAZERS ACROSS AMERICA
Addison Trail graduates are attending colleges from coast to coast

Students from the Addison Trail class of 2018 will attend colleges and universities in 15 states. In total, they were accepted to more than 130 colleges and universities.
Preparing Students for College and Career

• 90% of the Class of 2018 was accepted to a 2 or 4 year college/university
  • Earned $2.9 million in scholarships and financial aid

• 89% of the Class of 2017 was accepted to a 2 or 4 year college/university
  • Earned $3.3 million in scholarships and financial aid

• 91% of the Class of 2016 was accepted to a 2 or 4 year college/university
  • Earned $3.6 million in scholarships and financial aid
Preparing Students for College and Career

In 2017:

- 838 students were enrolled in AP courses
- ATHS Students took 915 Advanced Placement Exams (526 students tested)
- 231 students earned a 3, 4, or 5 on those exams
- 181 of AP students were freshmen and had an opportunity to earn college credit
Student Placement

Factors we use to determine the best fit

- Grades and courses taken in Grade 8
- 8th Grade teacher recommendations
- PSAT 8/9 Score
- MAP test scores OR GRADE Reading test score
- Parent feedback
Placement Exams

PSAT 8/9 Dates and Times

• Students will take the PSAT 8/9 at Addison Trail High School on Saturday, October 13 UNLESS your student has accommodations.

• If your student has accommodations and is an Indian Trail student, he/she will take the PSAT 8/9 at ITJHS.
Placement Exams

MAP Testing OR GRADE Reading Test

• MAP testing is completed at the student’s junior high school

• If students do NOT take MAP testing, they will take the GRADE Reading test
  • St. Philips students – will take the GRADE at St. Philip during the week of October 22
  • All other parochial school students will take the GRADE on October 24 at ATHS
What’s Next?

Scores and Placement

• February 7, 12 and 14 – 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
• February 9 – 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
• Individual meetings with Guidance Counselors to discuss test results and recommendations for course selection
• No appointment necessary – drop-in basis
• Proof of residency and birth certificates can be brought to this meeting also
• We will review all of this at Course Information Night, January 17, 2019
What is the PSAT 8/9?

The PSAT 8/9 establishes a baseline measurement of your college and career readiness as you enter high school. It also gives you a chance to preview the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10 and connect to AP courses.

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| PSAT 8/9   | 2 hrs. 25 min. (145 min) | 55 minutes 42 questions | 30 minutes 40 questions | 60 minutes 38 questions *No calculator and calculator sections | Total Score Range 240-1440  
Reading/Writing Score Range 120-720  
Math Score Range 120-720 |
Why is the PSAT 8/9 important?

- The PSAT 8/9 is a modified version of the SAT given to 11th grade students.

- The PSAT 8/9 helps predict a student’s future score on the SAT.
  - The SAT is a part of a series of tests typically taken during the spring of a student’s junior year.
  - SAT scores are used for the college application and admission process.
**Why is the PSAT 8/9 important?**

- The PSAT 8/9 test provides schools, parents, and students information on what your student knows now and what skills he/she needs to work on in high school in order to be prepared for the college and career of his/her choice.
  - This test is also used as an early warning indicator if your student needs reading and/or math interventions during the summer and/or throughout the school year.
Want to practice?

**PSAT 8/9 practice information**

- For practice questions, go to:
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - Go to the link at the top of the page - SAT
  - Go to the link - PSAT 8/9 at the top of the page
What is the GRADE Reading Test?

Group Reading Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation

- Measure of student’s comprehension and vocabulary skills
- Untimed, but should take only 50-90 minutes
- Only for students who do not complete MAP testing
Tips for Success

• Get plenty of sleep the night before.
• Eat a healthy breakfast.
• Pace yourself - this is a timed test.
• If you do not know the answer- eliminate all the answers you know are incorrect and make your best guess. There is no penalty for guessing, so answer every question.
• If you finish early, go back and review your work.
Mark Your Calendars

- You will be receiving placement testing information in the mail; if you have not, please contact Jenna Phillips at 630-628-3396.
- Transportation will be provided for the October 13th testing date. Bus routes are included in the mailing.
- Thursday, January 17 - Course Information Night- Parents will receive various documents regarding the course selection process.
Questions?
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