



Placement Testing

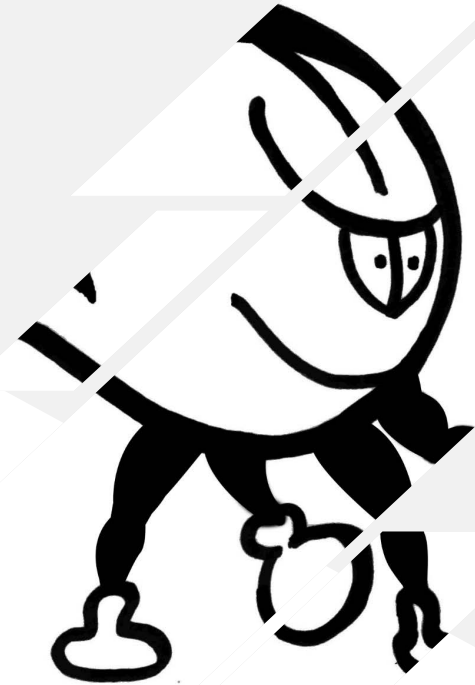
Parent Information Night

October 1, 2018

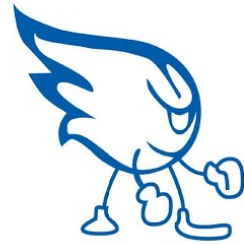
Welcome to Addison Trail High School

Courtney DeMent – Assistant Principal

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

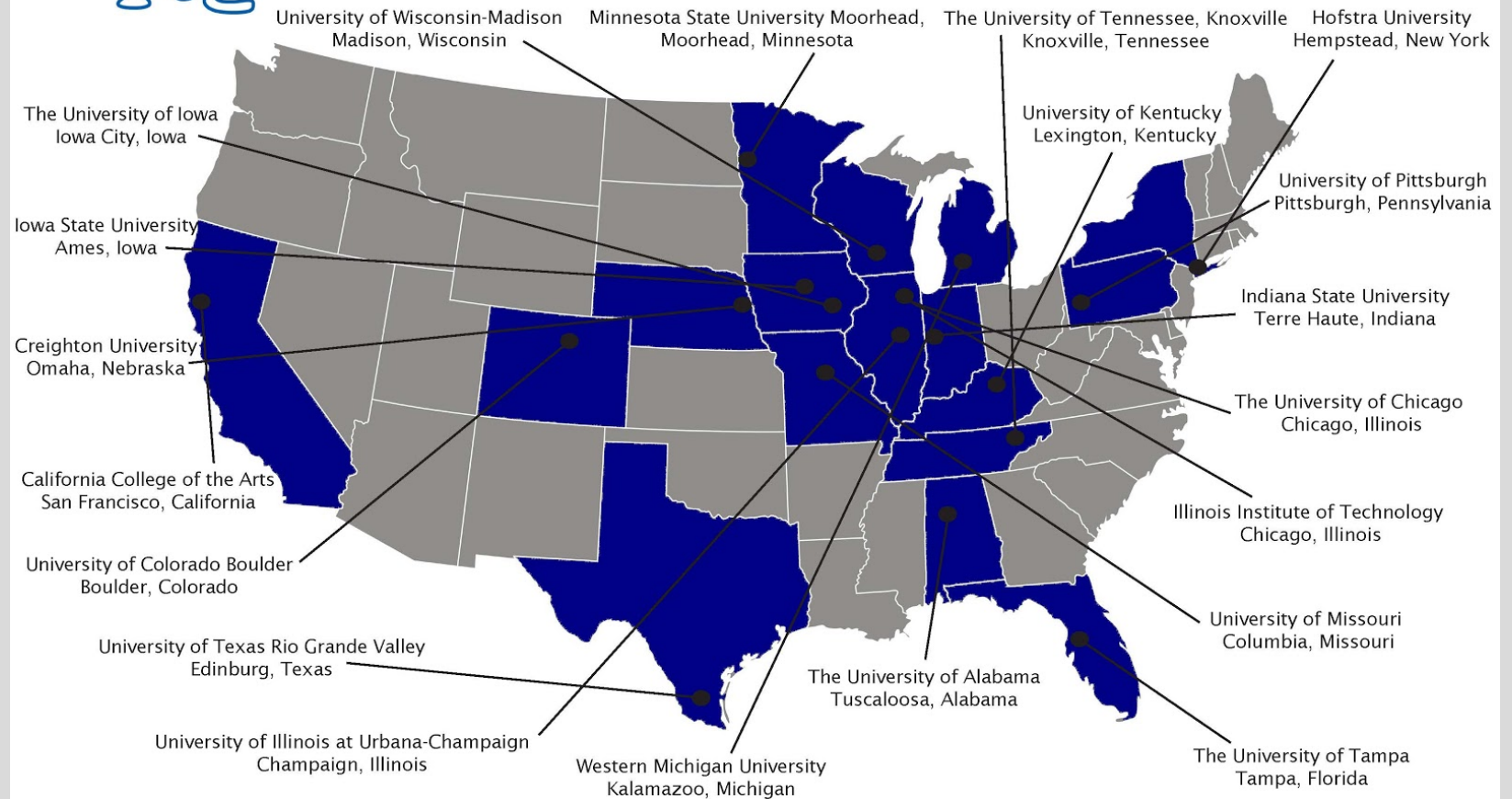


Future Focus



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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?

Assessment	Total Time	Reading Time and Questions	Writing and Language Time and Questions	Math Time and Questions	Score Range
PSAT 8/9	2 hrs. 25 min. (145 min) 120 questions	55 minutes 42 questions	30 minutes 40 questions	60 minutes 38 questions *No calculator and calculator sections	<u>Total Score Range</u> 240-1440 <u>Reading/Writing Score Range</u> 120-720 <u>Math Score Range</u> 120-720

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.

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
 - Go to the link at the top of the page - SAT
 - Go to the link - PSAT 8/9 at the top of the page

 **Alert:**

To those in areas impacted by Hurricane Florence: The College Board hopes that you and your loved ones are safe and sound. We recognize that this is a challenging time as you recover from the storm. If you are taking or administering College Board assessments, you can find updates [here](#).




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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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