

March 22, 2017

Greetings:

On **April 11th, April 12th and April 13th** Edsel Ford High School, and all other high schools in Michigan, will be administering the **SAT, PSAT, Work Keys & M-Step assessment** to all high school students. These exams are extremely important for our students' and for Edsel Ford's State Ranking (Reward, Focus, Priority).

What are these tests for?

SAT- The SAT is an admission test accepted by all U.S. colleges, and the College Board has programs to encourage all students to take advantage of higher education. The State of Michigan also uses this one-time test to rank our students against other students in the State and as a measurement to determine if Edsel Ford High School has made progress in reducing gaps in achievement. These scores are reported on the student's transcripts that universities and colleges review.

PSAT-The PSAT test is for 9th and 10th grade students to prepare them for the SAT test which is taken during the 11th grade. This test is a major criterion for college admissions. The 10th grade students' can also qualify for the National Merit Competition. This test will give students feedback on their strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study and success. A real advantage is that when students get their PSAT scores- they can get a **MY SAT STUDY PLAN-** which is a customized SAT study plan based on their PSAT test performance that will help them improve and prepare for the 11th grade SAT.

WorkKeys-The WorkKeys assessment measures essential workplace skills and helps focus on building career pathways. The tests also measure students' skills and how they stack up to what employers expect from them in the workforce.

M-Step-The M-Step is an assessment that will be used by the State of Michigan to assess where our students rank in reference to their proficiency in science and social studies. The State of Michigan also uses this one-time test to rank our students against other students in the State and as a measurement to determine if Edsel Ford High School has made progress in reducing gaps in achievement. These scores are reported on the student's transcripts that universities and colleges review.

It is crucial that our students come to school prepared, on time and on task to be successful on these exams over the course of these 3 days. Moreover, it is important that our students continue to demonstrate to the entire State of Michigan that we are a quality educational institution and that our students are the finest students in the State of Michigan.

Please keep in mind these key facts regarding testing

- **No cell phones or electronic devices** - These items are **NOT** permitted in the testing rooms at any time, even if powered off. Being in possession of these items in the test room will result in an invalidation of the test. They will not be allowed in the hallways between tests or on breaks.
- **Photo Identification** - Students must show either their school ID or a driver's license when they check in. If you do not have an ID, let us know NOW prior to testing.
- **Timed Tests - All the tests are timed so students must be to school on time.** We encourage all students to arrive by 7:15am or earlier on the testing days.
- **No food, drink or other unnecessary items in the test rooms** - Students should plan to only bring #2 pencils and their photo ID.

Students must listen and follow all directions during testing. Students must successfully complete all three days of testing including the M-Step test in order to receive their diploma from Dearborn Public Schools. Successfully completing means they must put forth honest effort and cannot just bubble in answers and cannot commit any testing violations.

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To accommodate the testing, we will have a revised school schedule on April 11, April 12 and April 13. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday- April 11th

- 7:15-12:40 SAT TESTING (**All Juniors and Seniors needing to test**)
 - o No ACE (2nd year), MBCC, DCMST all day
- All other students (**Freshman, Sophomores and Seniors not testing**) **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday- April 12th

- 7:15-10:30 **Juniors and Seniors needing to take the WorkKeys test** – NO SCHOOL in the PM for Juniors and Seniors
- 10:15-2:15 **Freshman and Sophomores** take the PSAT test – NO SCHOOL AM for Freshman and Sophomores; Freshmen and Sophomores **Report to school by 10:30**
 - o No MBCC, DCMST all day

Thursday- April 13th

- 7:15-10:30 **Juniors and Seniors needing to test take the M-Step test** – then attend a half day of classes 11:00-2:15
- 11:00-2:15 Freshman, Sophomores and Seniors (that didn't take the SAT and WorkKeys) attend a half day of classes. No Classes 7:15 – 10:30; **Classes Start at 11:00 AM**
 - o No ACE, MBCC, DCMST 7:15 – 10:30; **Classes Start at 11:00 AM**

Bus Transportation Plan:

On Tuesday, April 11th

No ACE, MBCC, or DCMST Buses-

All Juniors and Seniors that need to test will be picked up at their normal AM times. Buses will take them home after 12:40 pm.

Wednesday, April 12th

No MBCC, DCMST Buses all day

All Juniors and Seniors that need to test will be picked up at their normal AM times. Buses will take them home after 10:30.

Freshman and Sophomores will be picked up 3 hours later than usual and return home after 2:15

Thursday, April 13th

No ACE, MBCC or DCMST in the AM

All Juniors and Seniors that need to test will be picked up at their normal AM times. Buses will take them home at 2:15 as usual.

Freshman and Sophomores will be picked up 3 hours later than usual and return home after 2:15 dismissal

Chart for Explanation:

	Day 1 – 4/11/17	Day 2 – 4/12/17	Day 3 4/13/17
All Juniors and Seniors who need to test	SAT plus essay 7:20 – 12:45 Off after testing	Work Keys 7:20 – 10:15 No school in PM	MStep Science and Social Studies 7:15 – 10:30 Lunch 10:30 – 11:00 PM Class 11:05 -2:15
Freshmen and Sophomores	No School	No school in AM PSAT Testing 10:15 – 2:15	No school in AM PM Class 11:05 -2:15
Seniors not testing	No School	No School	No school in AM PM Class 11:05 -2:15

Let's go Thunderbirds! Once again - it's Edsel's time to shine!

Principal Casebolt