

**OAK PARK AND RIVER
FOREST HIGH SCHOOL**

FRESHMEN PLACEMENT EXAM

Save the date

OCTOBER 12, 2019

ALTERNATE TESTING DATE
OCTOBER 19

DOORS OPEN AT 7:45 AM

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

As one of the first steps in a variety of activities to help transition your student from middle school to high school, the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) 8/9 test will be administered to all 8th grade students and any applicable language tests. These results will be used in conjunction with a range of other information from your middle school (including Standardized test results, 8th grade courses and grades) to recommend freshman year courses in English, Math, Science, History, and World Language. You and your child may find the test results useful in planning high school courses that will build upon academic strengths and address areas for academic improvement.

All 8th grade students who are residents of Oak Park and River Forest that may enroll at OPRFHS in the 2019-2020 school year are required to take the test(s), with the exception of students who take the DLM instead of PARCC.

More information about the PSAT 8/9 can be found at: www.psat.org/8-9.

Benefits of the PSAT 8/9:

- Overall academic improvement – the PSAT 8/9 is designed to uncover opportunities for growth and provided targeted feedback to help students improve their skills.
- Students have a better chance at scoring higher on the SAT – the PSAT 8/9 tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT. Taking PSAT in 8th grade means students will have an opportunity to address their areas of improvement long before they take their official college entrance exam.
- Students will receive feedback on their aptitude for success in AP courses – student score reports will show recommendations for AP courses that might be good matches.
- A personalized study plan – after students receive their results from the PSAT 8/9 they will be provided with a custom SAT study plan that can be accessed online, anytime through Khan Academy.

For students who miss their assigned test session due to illness or another unanticipated reason, there will be a list compiled to determine a future makeup date. Please be aware that students who miss the October tests will not get their course recommendations at the same time as their peers. To get on the makeup testing list, please contact the Office of Assessment and Research at: (708) 434-3517.

If you have any questions about the tests or the use of the test results, please contact me at (708) 434-3225 or kjones@oprfrhs.org. For questions about testing accommodations, please contact your case manager at the middle school.

Sincerely,



Krystle C. Jones
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