

*******NEW JERSEY STATE TESTING*******

HSPA—GRADE 11 (AND SELECT GRADE 12)

MARCH 6, 7 & 8

**PLAN TEST—GRADE 10
MARCH 6 ONLY**

**EXPLORE TEST—GRADE 9
MARCH 7 ONLY**

Students scheduled to test must report at 7:30 a.m.

1. **STUDENTS TO BE TESTED FOR GRADUATION**

Grade 11 ALL STUDENTS	March 6, 7, & 8
Grade 12 students in AHSA Math class	March 6 ONLY
Grade 12 students in AHSA English class	March 7 & 8 ONLY

2. **STUDENTS TO BE TESTED FOR 2012 – 2013 PLACEMENT**

Grade 10 (PLAN Test)	March 6 ONLY
Grade 9 (EXPLORE Test)	March 7 ONLY

3. **NON-TESTING STUDENTS** – The following students are exempted from testing and should not report to school for homeroom until 10:40 am, as follows:

- a) Grade 12 — Students who already passed HSPA (see #1 above)
- b) Grade 10 — March 7 & 8
- c) Grade 9 — March 6 & 8

4. **BELL SCHEDULE**

Testing begins promptly at 7:40 am – Prior to testing, teachers will notify students of testing room assignments. In addition, these assignments will be posted on the day of the test. After testing, homeroom for all students will begin at 10:40 am, and periods 4-12 classes will meet on a modified schedule.

NOTICE – In the event of a weather-related delayed opening, TESTING WILL BE CANCELED for the day. ALL STUDENTS should arrive to homeroom at 9:30 a.m. in accordance with the standard delayed opening bell schedule. Students will be notified in school of revised testing dates.

5. **THERE WILL BE TWO BUS RUNS ON MARCH 6, 7, and 8, as follows:**

- a) Testing students should be at bus stop at normal time
- b) Non-Testing students should be at bus stop approximately **3 hours later** than normal time.

6. **ABSENCE/TARDINESS/MAKE-UP TESTING.**

Students who are absent from or tardy to testing will be required to make up that section of the test missed:

<u>HSPA Make-ups</u>		<u>PLAN & EXPLORE Make-ups</u>
Math Make-up	March 13	
LAL Day 1 Make-up	March 14	March 8
LAL Day 2 Make-up	March 15	

STUDENTS WHO CUT TESTING WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISTRICT TRUANCY POLICY.

7. **CELL PHONES, IPODS, ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICES** – Cell Phones, IPODS, or any electronic devices **may not be in the testing room.** The N.J. Department of Education considers possession of any of these items a breach of security and will void the test. Students with voided tests will not be allowed to take a make-up test this year. In addition, Grade 10 students will be automatically placed in a HSPA preparation classes next year, and Grade 11 students will be similarly placed in mandatory AHSA classes.

These tests provide important information for individual students and the school district. As you may know, passing the HSPA is a state requirement for graduation. Much time and effort has been devoted to preparing students for these tests, and additional work will be devoted to the analysis of the results to help improve the educational program as it pertains to New Jersey standards. We ask that you assist in our effort to communicate to your child the seriousness of these tests and the need for students to perform their best on them. Please feel free to contact Ms. Quick or your child's guidance counselor with any questions.