

# HOFFMAN ESTATES HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As you may know, the annual *Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English* (ACCESS) test for English Language Learners typically takes place from mid-January through mid-February. However, this year the ACCESS test has been rescheduled to take place during the window of March 15th through early April.

It is imperative that your child is present at school during this time to take the ACCESS test. The Illinois State Board of Education requires that all students with limited English language skills participate in the ACCESS test each year. Your child's English language proficiency will be tested during their academic support time in the areas of Social and Instructional Language, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The tests will occur on March 15, 16 and 17 during afternoon academic support time and from March 29 through April 1 during both the regular school day and afternoon academic support time. The assessment will be administered online, so your child will need to have their fully charged, school-issued iPad ready on exam days, which will be given at school. Students may also bring their own earbuds, preferably with microphone functions.

Students are expected to complete the [District 211 at-home daily wellness screener](#) prior to coming to school on each day of testing. Upon coming to school, students must show the response screen with a green checkmark to gain entrance. Students' body temperatures will be scanned upon entering the building and students must wear a face mask for the duration of time they are in school. Students will be assigned to testing rooms where appropriate social-distancing will be enforced. Students who do not pass the wellness screener, have a body temperature above the maximum threshold, or who cannot adhere to the established safety protocols will be sent home. Click [here](#) for more information about District 211's school safety protocols.

Your child's current high school courses will help him or her practice the skills needed for the test; no additional studying is necessary. Please help your child prepare for the testing by getting a good night sleep the evenings before testing and eating breakfast on the test days. This state-required test is given each year to every grade student. Your child will have the opportunity to show the gains he or she has made in the use of the English language over the past year. The results of the ACCESS test will be used by the high school teachers to ensure your child is receiving the appropriate English language support.

We anticipate that before the school year ends in May, ACCESS test score in the areas of reading, writing, listening, and speaking will be posted in Infinite Campus. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or your ESL department chair.

Sincerely,

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Hoffman Estates High School

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