



ALGONAC HIGH SCHOOL

5200 Taft Rd. Clay Twp., MI 48001



From the Office of the Principal

Parents and Guardians of AHS Students,

On Tuesday, March 6th all 9th-12th grade AHS students will be participating in our EPAS assessments.

- 9th Graders will take the PLAN
- 10th Graders will take a De-Commissioned version of the ACT
- 11th Graders will take the actual ACT as a part of the official three day Michigan Merit Exam
- 12th Graders will take a De-Commissioned version of the ACT

Please note that the above schedule does vary from our traditional procedures implemented during the past few years. For the first time, we will be assessing our seniors in the EPAS system. This change in procedure is due to multiple factors:

#1: Our School's Mission Statement indicates that our goal is to prepare all students to 'succeed in a post-secondary educational setting.' The ACT test is the measure that we utilize to determine if our instruction has been effective in meeting our goal. In the past, we have stopped assessing our students' college-readiness progress at the 11th grade. To determine if our 12th grade curriculum is meeting our Mission Statement goal, we need an assessment that will give us measurable data.

#2: As a part of the educational reforms recently passed, all teachers and administrators are accountable for annual student growth. Assessing 12th grade students will provide us with the data needed to determine if sufficient progress has been made by all staff members (not just those teaching 9th-11th grade students).

As accurate and reliable data is extremely important to our school improvement efforts, we would like our students' sole focus on March 6th to be full and complete effort on the EPAS assessment. It is also important for us to receive the assessment data back as soon as possible to make curricular modifications and add interventions as necessary. Our staff is going to utilize the period of time after the test to work on grading writing portions of the assessments and enter other applicable portions of the assessment into our data warehouse. Due to the reasons listed above, **all 9th through 12th grade students will be released from school at 11:55 a.m. Normal transportation will be provided by the district.** Please make arrangements accordingly.

As curricular interventions and course placement rely on accurate EPAS data, please encourage your student to give their best effort on the assessment.

For more information on EPAS assessments, please visit the AHS website at www.acsk12.us.

Yours in education,

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