

Sophomore Parents

Dear Parent(s) of LCHS Sophomores:

On November 10th, 2009 our sophomores will be administered a preliminary ACT assessment and career interest inventory called the PLAN. As a school, our goals are not only to assist students to be successful in high school but also to help them prepare for what they'll be pursuing after high school. We hope to prepare all of our students so that the option of college is available to them, either right after high school or at some point in their future.

Critical to our students' preparation for college will be their course selections, their achievement in those courses and also their performances on college entrance exams, e.g., the ACT and SAT. As you may know, the ACT is also the test provided to each junior in high school as part of the State of Illinois' Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE). District 117 believes that the PLAN assessment helps prepare a solid foundation for our students to do well on the ACT.

If your student is a reclassified freshman, we believe that with successful completion of courses he/she may be eligible to rejoin their previous class as a junior next year. To that end, we will provide your child the preparation for the ACT and PSAE by giving him/her the opportunity to take the PLAN test this year.

Your student will be receiving informational materials about the PLAN during the week of **October 26th** at which time they will complete the demographic portion of the exam during the school day. The PLAN will be administered during Periods 1-3 on **Tuesday, November 10th**. Since all sophomores will take the test, there is no fee and no need to register your student.

LCHS will use the results of the PLAN assessment for individual student course selections for the 2010-2011 school year. We will also use this school-wide data to improve our instructional programs and services to our students. LCHS also uses this data to compare our academic achievement with surrounding schools as well as national data. If you have any questions about the PLAN please contact Mr. Newberry at 847-838-7108 or dnewberry@lakeseagles.com.