



## Gull Lake High School

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Dear Parents and Students,

Gull Lake High School students will participate in mandatory State testing for grades 9, 10, and 11 from April 9-11. In order to ensure an exceptional testing environment for all students, GLHS will operate on a revised schedule for **all three test dates** (see pages 2-3). To accommodate our revised schedule on these dates, busses will run at their normal scheduled times for students who are participating in testing, but they will also run again **four hours later** for students who are arriving at the **11:15 am** start time. The transportation department would like students to be at their designated bus stop **25 minutes** prior to their delayed pick-up time (ex: If a student is usually picked up at 6:30 am, then on the delayed start day, the student should be at their bus stop at 10:05 am).

It is vital that students arrive on time to their assigned testing rooms with all of their required testing materials. Encourage students to get a good night's sleep and eat a solid breakfast the morning of their exam. Student testing room assignments and daily schedules will be posted throughout the building and students will receive more information during the Pre-Identification session (week of March 18-22). A digital version of this letter and testing schedules will also be posted on the GLHS website. Please refer to pages 2-3 of this letter for more grade specific information including test dates and start times.

The off-site students will be excused from their programs during ALL scheduled testing and are to report to Gull Lake High School on scheduled testing dates. State law requires all students to participate in the mandatory testing cycle. The majority of Kalamazoo County schools will follow a similar abbreviated schedule. Therefore, most programs are not running during these days. Students will not have time to drive to and from their programs within the scheduled time. Please refer to the quick reference test description below to learn more about each mandatory state assessment.

Grade 11 students will take a series of general assessments known as the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). The MME includes:

- SAT w/ Essay (college entrance exam in Language Arts and Mathematics)
- ACT WorkKeys (real-world career skills)
- M-STEP (Science and Social Studies)

Students in grades 9 and 10 will take the PSAT (Preliminary SAT), which helps students prepare for the SAT in their junior year.

Thank you in advance for encouraging our students to achieve their best. We truly appreciate your time and effort.

Sincerely,

Kris Simms

## DAILY TESTING AND REPORT TIME BREAKDOWN

GRADE	APRIL 9	APRIL 10	APRIL 11
9TH	REPORT AT 11:15	<b>PSAT 9 TEST</b> REPORT AT 7:15	REPORT AT 11:15
10TH	REPORT AT 11:15	<b>PSAT 10 TEST</b> REPORT AT 7:15	REPORT AT 11:15
11TH	<b>SAT TEST</b> REPORT AT 7:15	<b>ACT WORKKEYS</b> REPORT AT 7:15	<b>MSTEP-11</b> REPORT AT 7:15
12TH	REPORT AT 11:15	REPORT AT 11:15	REPORT AT 11:15

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the **SAT**.
- 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will report to school at 11:15 am and the first class of the day will begin at 11:30 am.
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to go home (they will not need to be signed out) and rest after their testing block is over at 12:47 pm. Lunch will be offered for any 11<sup>th</sup> grade student who wants to eat lunch at school. Students will be expected to attend 5<sup>th</sup> block if they stay at school after testing.

TIME	HALF-DAY SCHEDULE
<b>11:30-1:10</b>	<b>Block 4 &amp; Lunch</b>
<i>(11:30-12:00)</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lunch</b> (based on 4 <sup>th</sup> block)
<i>(12:05-12:35)</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch</b> (based on 4 <sup>th</sup> block)
<i>(12:45-1:15)</i>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch</b> <b>SAT PROCTORS AND JUNIORS WHO WANT TO STAY FOR LUNCH</b>
1:10-1:15	Passing
<b>1:15-2:20</b>	<b>Block 5 (65 minutes)</b>

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10



- 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the PSAT 9 (7:15 am check in).
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the PSAT 10 (7:15 am check in).
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the ACT WorkKeys (7:15 am check in).
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will report to school at 11:15 am and the first class of the day will begin at 11:30 am.

TIME	HALF-DAY SCHEDULE
<b>11:30-12:35</b>	<b>Block 3 &amp; Lunch</b>
<i>(11:30-12:00)</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lunch</b> (based on 3 <sup>rd</sup> block)
<i>(12:10-12:40)</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch</b> (based on 3 <sup>rd</sup> block)
12:35-12:40	Passing
<b>12:40-1:30</b>	<b>Block 1 (50 minutes)</b>
1:30-1:35	Passing
<b>1:35-2:20</b>	<b>Block 2 (45 minutes)</b>

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the M-STEP 11.
- 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will report to school at 11:15 am and the first class of the day will begin at 11:30 am.

TIME	HALF-DAY SCHEDULE
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Block (30 minutes)</b>
12:00-12:05	Passing
<b>12:00-1:10</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> block and Lunch</b>
<i>12:00-12:30</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lunch</b> (based on 3 <sup>rd</sup> block)
<i>12:40-1:10</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch</b> (based on 3 <sup>rd</sup> block)
1:05 – 1:10	Passing
<b>1:10 – 1:40</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Block (30 minutes)</b>
1:40 – 1:45	Passing
<b>1:45 – 2:20</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Block (35 minutes)</b>