

# QHS UPDATE

April 2026



## ACT/PRE ACT

QHS will conduct the ACT on Wednesday, April 15th, exclusively for Juniors, and the PreAct on Tuesday, April 14th, exclusively for Sophomores and Freshmen. Classroom assignments for students will be posted around QHS and on the student's class Schoology page the week before the test. Students must be present in their assigned classrooms by 7:25 am. Students will only participate in the testing day relevant to their grade level. Following the completion of the test, students are permitted to leave, and no regular classes will be held on the testing day. Buses will operate on their normal schedule. Students with accommodations may be required to test longer, and they will be notified accordingly.

ACT/PreACT testing is mandatory for all students in the State of Illinois. Seniors who did not take the mandatory ACT last year must participate in the ACT on April 15th. Successful completion of the ACT is a graduation requirement for all students. Seniors who have already taken the ACT will have a College/Career Day (independently) on both April 14th and 15th and are not required to attend school on these days. Normal school operations will resume on April 16th.

## PROM INFORMATION

The 2026 PROM Dance is scheduled for April 25, 2026. It will be at The Ambiance (5225 Kochs Lane) from 8– 11 p.m. Students and guests must arrive no later than 9:30 p.m.

- Bids will be sold online this year, and instructions will be sent to students' QPS emails.
- Students and guests are required to have a Photo ID (School ID, Driver's License, Passport, etc.)
- PROM is a Junior/Senior Dance. Freshman and Sophomores can only attend as the guest of a QHS Junior/Senior.
- Tentative cost of bids is \$30 (Subject to change).
- Any issues/questions should be brought to Student Council representatives as early as possible.
- Please make sure to read the [QHS Dance Rules](#).

## QHS HALL OF FAME

The QHS Educator Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the inductees for the Class of 2026. The Committee selected 7 inductees from over 100 nominations from former students, the community, and staff. The inductees will be honored at Quincy High's end of year retirement luncheon on May 28th. Inductees include the following:

- Max Mosley – SSFL
- Terry Sherer – English Teacher
- Patti Kelly – Athletic Secretary
- Phil Goehl - Custodian
- Dan Buckley – Auto Tech Teacher
- Bob Dittmer – Math Teacher
- Kay Dyer – Spanish Teacher

Nominations for the Class of 2027 are open and will be accepted through February 15, 2027. The online nomination form may be found here: [QHS Educator Hall of Fame Nomination \(google.com\)](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES

**April 1-6, 2026**  
**Spring Break-No School**

**April 14th, 2026**  
**Pre ACT 9/10th Grade**

**April 15th, 2026**  
**ACT 11th Grade**

**April 20, 2026**  
**QHS PTO Meeting**  
**Noon-D137**

**April 21, 2026**  
**Cap & Gown Distribution**  
**During Lunches**  
**&**  
**Community Engagement Workshop**  
**QHS Cafe-5:30**

**April 25, 2026**  
**QHS Prom @**  
**The Ambiance 8 pm - 11pm**

**May 6, 2026**  
**Graduation Tickets Link Emailed**

**May 7-9, 2026**  
**QHS Spring Play**  
**My Cousin Lino**

**May 12, 2026**  
**QHS Senior Awards Night**  
**6:30 pm**

**May 14, 2026**  
**Graduation Practice**  
**Flinn Stadium 10:00am**

**May 17, 2026**  
**Graduation**  
**Flinn Stadium 4:00 pm**

**May 20, 2026**  
**Finals-Hours 8, 2, 4**

**May 21, 2026**  
**Finals-Hours 7, 3, 5**

**May 22, 2026**  
**Finals-Hours 1, 6**  
**1/2 day for Students**



# Quincy Senior High

# TESTING UPDATE

March 13, 2026

## 2026 April Testing

**ACT testing will take place on April 14th and April 15th.**

QHS will conduct our school required testing for Freshmen and Sophomores on **Tuesday April 14th** and for Juniors on **Wednesday April 15th**. All testing will be done on a computer and students must be in attendance to test. **Students are required to attend the day their grade level is testing.** Monday April 13th, Thursday April 16th, and Friday April 17th are normal school attendance days. Senior students will be automatically excused for a college/career day on both testing days. Any senior student who did not sit for the ACT during their junior year **MUST** take the ACT this year. Classroom assignments for students will be posted around QHS and to the student's class Schoology page the week prior to the test. Students must be present in their assigned classrooms no later than 7:25am and testing will start promptly at 7:30am. **All freshmen, sophomore, and junior students are expected to test.** Lunch will be served and buses will run at normal times. Students are allowed to leave or be picked up after testing is over. Some students with accommodations may have longer testing times or test over multiple days. These students will be notified separately. Please contact your student's counselor with any questions about testing.

**Electronic devices are not permitted during testing. Students should leave their phones/smart watches at home, in their cars, or in their lockers.**



Counselors will be visiting junior English classes to register students for their ACT accounts on **Tuesday March 24th**. Freshmen and Sophomore students will not register accounts until their Junior year. If students miss this registration session, you will need to connect with your counselor to get the information needed to make your account. Junior students can find relevant testing information, practice tests, and more information at the ACT testing website: [act.org/info-for-examinees](https://act.org/info-for-examinees). Students should eat a hearty breakfast and get a good night's rest before test day.

### Seniors

**College/Career day on April 14th and April 15th**

Seniors who tested with ACT last year should not attend school on these days.

### ACT-Juniors

**Wed April 15th**

Taking the ACT is an Illinois state graduation requirement. All juniors must be present on this day to test. Testing procedures will start promptly at 7:30am and students must be in their assigned rooms. Bring your license or student ID. Do not bring any electronic devices. Standard testing time is around 3.75 hours and should end around 11:30am.

### PreACT Secure-Sophomores

**Tues April 14th**

Sophomore students are assigned to take the Pre ACT and every student is expected to test. Testing procedures will start promptly at 7:30am. Bring your license or student ID. Do not bring any electronic devices. This is great practice to help determine how well you will perform on the ACT. Standard testing time is around 3 hours and should end around 10:30am.

### PreACT 9- Freshmen

**Tues April 14th**

Freshmen students are assigned to take the Pre ACT 9 and every student is expected to test. Testing procedures will start promptly at 7:30am. Bring your student ID if you have one. Do not bring any electronic devices. Standard testing time is around 3 hours and should end around 10:30am.

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