

INFORMATION FOR THE COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT

September

9	SAT regular registration deadline for October 1 test
16	ACT regular registration deadline for October 22 test

Tip: Junior- students should seriously begin examining their post-secondary options, take college tests, talk about college options and make college visits. **Seniors-** narrow your choices to three colleges and obtain college applications. Most application deadlines are by December 1. A rule of thumb: the lower the students GPA and ACT score, the sooner you should begin your application process. Continue to monitor your academic progress.

October

1	SAT test
4 and 5	<i>National College Fair @ Minneapolis Convention Center @ 9-12 pm and 4:30 – 8pm (October 4)</i>
7	SAT regular registration deadline for November 5 test
12	PSAT test 8:15-11:30 a.m. HS IMC
19	PLAN test 8:15- 11:30 a.m. HS
22	ACT test

Tip: Juniors- consider attending college open houses over MEA. **Seniors-** determine if you need to retake the ACT or SAT. Apply to the colleges you've chosen by their deadlines. Draft essay for applications that require them. Ask teachers or counselor of letters of recommendation, if needed.

November

4	ACT regular registration deadline for December 10 test
5	SAT test date
8	SAT regular registration deadline for December 3 test

December

3	SAT test date
10 *	ACT test (Delano test site)
15	<i>FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION PROGRAM – 7 pm</i>
30	SAT regular registration deadline for January 28 test

Tip: Seniors- after your college application has been accepted, contact the financial aid office to learn about scholarship opportunities. Read college catalogs for housing information.

January 2012

13	ACT registration deadline for February 11 test
28	SAT test date

Tip: Juniors- carefully select courses for the senior year. Seniors file FAFSA applications as soon after January 1 as possible or after 2011 taxes are completed.

February

11 ACT test date
10 SAT regular registration deadline for March 10 test

Tip: Note that this is the final application deadline for many schools.

March

9 ACT registration deadline for the April 14
10 SAT test date

Tip: Seniors- apply for local scholarships, check for other scholarship opportunities. Juniors- narrow your college choices to 5 colleges and review admissions requirements. Continue campus visits during spring break or summer. Applications will be accepted by colleges during summer, 2012.

April

14 ACT test date
6 SAT regular registration for June 2 test

May

4 ACT registration deadline for the June 9 test
5 SAT test date
8 SAT registration deadline for June 2 test

June

2 SAT test date
9* ACT test date (Delano test site)

*juniors applying to a four-year college in the fall of 2013 should consider taking the ACT during either of these two dates.

Two year colleges do not require the ACT/SAT, but have other application requirements.

Most Four-year colleges require students to achieve a minimum 22-ACT score and class rank in the upper ½ and recommend students complete certain college preparatory courses while in high school. The colleges will post their recommended ACT score, and college preparatory courses. These generally include:

4 years of English
3 years of social studies
2 years of the same foreign language
3 years of science
1 year of fine arts

COLLEGE TESTING:

PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) - a practice test for the SAT which is also to determine National Merit semi-finalists, primarily to juniors.

SAT I (Scholastic Assessment Test) - a college entrance examination, generally taken during the junior and/or senior year. Students receive a Verbal and a Math score.

ACT (American College Test) – a college entrance examination, generally taken during the junior and/or senior year. Students receive scores in English, Reading, math and Science Reasoning, as well as a composite score.

NCAA REQUIREMENTS: Before an athlete can play a sport or receive an athletic scholarship at a Division I or II college, he/ she must meet specific academic criteria as set forth by the NCAA. Forms and information are available in the high school counselor's office.

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