

Juniors and Testing: A Big Year!

- **What Tests will I have to take my Junior Year?**
 - **State Tests:**
 - Geometry, **Week of April 24** (If taking Adv Geometry or Geometry)
 - Gov't/Econ, **April 20-21**
 - Potentially Algebra or English II retakes as needed, **December**
 - **Several additional tests are given your Junior Year:**
 - ACT, **March 14:** All Juniors take this test for free in the Spring
 - PSAT, **Oct 25:** This test is optional as practice for standardized test taking experience
 - ASVAB, **Nov 22:** All Juniors take this and later receive an interpretation session during their Gov't/Econ course for college and career planning purposes
 - SAT: This test is optional and recommended for some students depending on the colleges they plan on applying to
- **Why do I have to take these tests?**
 - State tests are mandated by the Ohio Dept of Education and are part of Ohio's Graduation Requirements.
 - Students ACT score may satisfy graduation requirements and is given to all students in Ohio their Junior yr., paid for by their school.
 - PSAT is given in October, months ahead of the ACT and can be a good practice experience for what a standardized college entrance exam is like.
 - ASVAB is a good resource for identifying aptitudes and interests and can help guide college majors or future career choices as well as assist in a future military career based on scores.
- **What do my STATE TEST scores mean?**
 - To meet Ohio's standard of English and Math Competency, students more score 684 or above in both their Algebra and English II state tests. If students score below 684, they must retake these 2 specific tests at least once, typically in December the following year of their initial test.
- **What do my other test scores mean?**
 - Each year the ACT determines their cut score for what is considered non-remedial. If you score above this cut score, students qualify for the College Ready Graduation Seal.
 - ACT scores may be used by colleges as entrance requirements.
 - ACT scores are also used as criteria for some scholarships.
 - The PSAT/NMSQT can qualify students for a National Merit Scholarship. Students who qualify are notified by the College Board, the organization who sponsors this scholarship and test.

- **How can I prepare for these tests?**
 - For state tests:
 - Be attentive in the classes that are tested subjects
 - Utilize any resources your teachers provide in class
 - Visit this link for practice and test prep: [State Test Practice Information](#)
 - For the ACT:
 - Consider creating a student account at ACT that allows you to access free test prep resources. Visit this link for details: [ACT](#)
 - Consider attending ACT Prep seminars or workshops.
 - Look into resources your teachers may have.
 - Visit the HS Counseling Office to borrow test prep materials.
 - For the PSAT/NMSQT:
 - Students are given test prep books prior to testing. Be sure to look over this material prior to the test date.
 - For the ASVAB:
 - Visit this link for practice test resources: [ASVAB Resources](#)
 - For the SAT:
 - Visit this link for test prep and practice test resources: [SAT Resources](#)