



Junior Planning Night

Class of 2023



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What will be covered

1. Post-secondary Options
2. Standardized Testing
3. Research/The College Application
4. Junior Meetings/Classroom presentations

Postsecondary Options

- **Some options:**
 - two year college
 - four year college
 - trade school
 - military
 - employment
 - Gap Year

Trade School

This may be the right choice for you if...

- You are sure of a desired career field
- Learn by doing
- Want to obtain credentials and join the workforce quickly



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Community College

This may be the right choice for you if...

- Would like to test out a few fields before settling on one
- Would like to save money on your bachelor's degree
 - "Transfer Tickets"- start off at any of the CT community colleges and transfer to any of the CT state schools (except UConn) as a junior
 - "GAP Program" Guaranteed Admission Program- seamlessly transfer to UCONN - more competitive and higher standards, can transfer to UCONN with 30 or less credits for select majors/programs
- Career of interest requires an Associate's Degree or Certificate that is offered through a community college
- PACT Program



Four Year College

This is the right choice for you if...

- Your chosen career path requires a bachelor's degree
- You want to pursue a Master's or Doctoral degree later on
- You have the time and funds to devote to the full-time college experience



Standardized Testing

- **PSAT-** Taken during school in October
 - Results are on their CollegeBoard Accounts
 - Every student should have **1** account with all PSAT results, this is where SAT results will be and where students will register for future SAT's
- **Khan Academy**
 - All students have synced their CollegeBoard accounts with Khan Academy
 - Khan Academy provides FREE and Personalized test prep based on their results from the PSAT test
- **The Connecticut School Day SAT**
 - All juniors will be taking the SAT during school on March 23rd
 - Testing time will be approximately 4 hours
 - These scores ARE college reportable

Create a standardized testing plan

We recommend all students take a combination of three standardized tests

- All students will take the school day SAT on March 23rd, 2022
- To register for all other SAT's visit www.collegeboard.org
- To register for ACT, create account on www.act.org

Make sure to write your College Board and ACT account information down, we cannot reset them for you. Do not re-create or duplicate accounts.

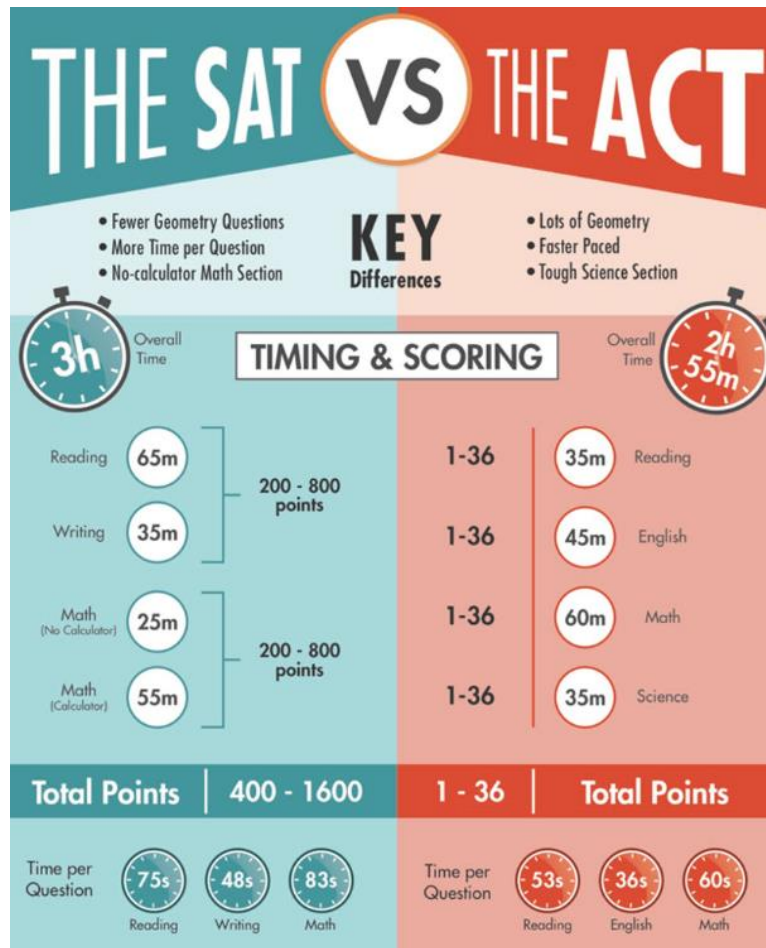
SAT Test Schedule 2022

March 23rd
(School Day Test
Date)

March 12th

May 7th

June 4th



ACT Test Schedule 2022

February 12th

April 2nd

June 11th

July 16th

***Registration dates are a month prior to the test date. There are late fees if you do not register on time.**

Where to Begin:

- Research
 - If the student has a career/major interest, start there!
 - Naviance- All students have accounts. Easy to use search engines.
 - CollegeBoard, Niche, Google, College Websites, etc...
 - Get familiar with what various careers/colleges are looking for
- Start a list
- Visit Campuses
 - Check out local campuses- private, public, community, etc... to see what's out there!
 - It's important for students to SEE what college looks like
 - Demonstrated interest
- Be open to opportunities for career focused events- internships, shadowing, workshops, etc...
 - This is not only important for your resume but a great way to learn if the career is a good fit!

College Selectivity

- Every college can be ranked for selectivity or difficulty of admission.
- All students should choose colleges that they can see themselves attending within the following categories:
 - **REACH:** Admission to school is very competitive for this student.
 - **MATCH:** School is a good match for this student.
 - **SAFETY:** Chances of admission are excellent *all students should have at least 1 safety on their final list.

Everyone's categories are the same but their colleges/ programs will be different.

What is in a College Application?

- **Transcript**
 - Rigor of coursework, Grades (consistency, trends, etc...)
 - Schools look at senior year courses closely- we send 1st quarter, midyear, and final grades to schools.
- **Letters of Recommendation**
 - Typically 2-3 recommendations total (2 teachers and counselor is most common)
 - Usually a junior year teacher in a subject related to the field of interest
 - Student must ask for recommendations around the start of senior year (at least 3-4 weeks prior to 1st deadline)
- **Test Scores**
 - SAT and/or ACT
 - Students must send scores directly through SAT/ACT website to colleges of their choice
- **Application itself**
 - Common App is most widely used
 - Some schools have independent applications on their website

Cost of College

The same reach, range, safety criteria should be applied to schools in terms of cost.

- It is a good idea to have a serious discussion regarding what you can contribute financially
- When visiting schools you can meet with the financial aid office to get an idea of what the cost will be, what types of scholarships they offer, etc.

Other things to consider when discussing affordability:

- Distance from home
- Travel Costs
- Books/ Course Materials
- Personal Expenses
- Car/Parking Fees
- Financial Aid Awards from different colleges

Merit Money/Scholarships

Many colleges (usually private) will offer merit awards to some students as an incentive for them to attend their school- many are generous and some might even be able to match in-state tuition.

Things to know/look for:

- What are the criteria schools are looking for when awarding merit/scholarships?
- Is the award renewable year to year?
- Is there an honors program? Is it a separate application? Are there additional requirements/responsibilities that come along with acceptance into the honors program?
- In January of senior year EHHS scholarship applications become available

College Deadlines

Colleges will all have different deadlines

- Types of deadlines
 - **Early Action-** non-binding deadline that is an option for some schools.
 - Usually: November 1st, November 15th, December 1st
 - **Early Decision-** binding deadline that is an option for some schools
 - Usually: November 1st, November 15th, December 1st
 - **Regular Decision-** Final deadline
 - Can range from January 1st to July
 - **Rolling Admissions-** Accepts/Denies students as they receive applications

Junior Meetings/ Classroom Presentations

- Counselors will be visiting junior classrooms and presented on this material the first week of February .
- Counselors have already started individual meetings with all juniors
 - Mrs. Sullivan- last names A-D
 - Mrs. Catlin- last names E-M
 - Ms. Malcolm- last names N-Z
- We will use Naviance to research individualized postsecondary options
- Senior Parent Night, Financial Aid Night, Classroom Presentations, and Individual Senior Meetings will begin in the fall of 2022

Thank You for joining us!

Any questions...

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