

Seniors



Class of 2015

College and Career Readiness

Free Online Career Assessments

- www.kerisey.com (personality indicator)
- www.texascaresonline.com
- www.9types.com (personal style quiz)
- <http://www.careerkey.org/> (career interest assessment)
- <http://www.doleta.gov/jobseekers/>
- <http://www.careercolleges.com/career-assessment-test>

Right Brain or Left Brain Quizzes

- <http://testyourself.psychtests.com/testid/3178>
- http://homeworktips.about.com/library/brainquiz/bl_leftrightbrain_quiz.htm

For Career/Major Exploration

- These websites provide extensive information on careers, colleges, and financial aid. They include links to Texas colleges and browsers can also search for colleges by major.
- www.jobweb.com
- www.collegefortexans.com
- www.uncw.edu/career/whatcanidowithamajorin.html

Financial Aid Websites

- www.fafsa.ed.gov (free application for financial aid)—Complete this as soon as you can beginning Jan. 1st
- <http://www.nasfaa.org/Home.asp> (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administration)
- www.staffordloan.com
- www.privateloans.com
- <http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/>
- www.tuition.com/
- <http://hccs.financialaidtv.com/>

Scholarship Websites

- www.fastweb.com
- www.zinc.com
- www.schoolsoup.com
- www.scholarships.com

College Information Websites

- www.applytexas.org (Texas Common Application online)
- www.commonapp.org (out of state & Private schools)
- www.collegeweeklive.com
- <http://www.knowhow2go.org>
- <http://www.petersons.com>
- <http://www.mappingyourfuture.org/>
- www.campustours.com
- www.anycollege.com
- www.careersandcollege.com
- www.mymajors.com
- www.careerkey.org

Test Prep

- SAT www.collegeboard.org
- ACT www.actstudent.org
- www.number2.com
- www.4tests.com
- <http://www.studypoint.com/ed/act-vs-sat/>
- <http://inlikeme.com/sat-vs-act-comparison-chart/>

Helpful Hints

- Review interest inventories and take advantage of all resources available.
- Make an appointment with your counselor for you and your parents to discuss postsecondary plans.
- Request applications from colleges and trade and technical schools. Set up a file system to document your findings.
- Register for ACT, SAT, and/or SAT Subject Tests, as appropriate.
- Stay abreast of all scholarship opportunities. Seek out scholarship information and apply, as appropriate.
- Review high school records, including all graduation requirements.
- Visit colleges and/or trade and technical schools.
- Talk to admissions representatives who visit your school.

SENIORS

Plan Ahead & Always Be Prepared!

August—September:

Double check your grad plan. Make sure you are taking the courses you need. Finalize college applications and continue to apply for scholarships. Take the SAT or ACT if you still need to take it again. Request college/scholarship recommendations. Keep your information organized and updated in Naviance.

October:

Submit your Transcript Requests (in Naviance) for the colleges you are applying to—make sure these colleges are in your Naviance list. Complete and submit your college applications, essays, and scholarship applications. Request recommendations if needed. Update your portfolio of activities and awards (your high school resume). If you have submitted any applications via Common App, you must match your Common App account to your Naviance account.

November—December:

Continue to apply for college and scholarships. Gather documentation for the FAFSA.

January—May:

Complete your FAFSA application with parent's help. Make decisions about college choices. Notify HHS of your scholarship awards. Register for and take your AP exams. Finalize college plans and living arrangements. Request a final transcript be sent to the school of your choice.

Summer:

Keep saving money for college expenses. Take college classes at a community school to begin your college coursework. Prepare for and finalize your transition to college.

It's always a
Great Day...



...to be a
Hurricane

Naviance Family Connection can help you organize all of your high school activities, research careers, majors, and colleges—and keep it all in one place for you.

Log in at <https://connection.naviance.com/hightowerhs>. Your username and password is the same as for the computers at school.

See your CCR Advisor, Ms. Hidalgo, in room P-2 if you have any questions about college, careers, military, etc...

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RESOURCES

College Readiness:

Naviance Family Connection
www.bigfuture.collegeboard.com
www.texascollegeandcareer.org
www.collegeforalltexas.com
www.mappingyourfuture.org
www.aie.org

Scholarship Searches:

Naviance Family Connection
www.fastweb.com
www.zinch.com
www.scholarships.com

College Entrance Exams:

SAT: www.collegeboard.com
ACT: www.act.org

Volunteer work:

www.volunteermatch.org

TERMINOLOGY

GPA: grade point average; all of your high school grades count in calculating your GPA. Study & earn good grades! They count!

SAT: Scholastic Aptitude Test. College entrance exam

ACT: college entrance exam.

Rank: your placement among the students in your grade level; it is based on GPA.

CBE: credit-by-exam; speak with your counselor about taking a test to earn credit.

Correspondence: a course taken online for credit; speak to your counselor about this option.

PreAP: preparatory course for future AP coursework. Weighted on a 6.0 scale.

AP: Advanced Placement. Rigorous level of coursework preparing the student to take an AP exam in May in attempt to earn college credit.

Weight of Course: this refers to the points earned for a course. Regular courses are weighted on the 5.0 scale and Honor/AP courses are weighted on the 6.0 scale. Refer to the district course selection guide for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EOC Testing—December 1-5

EOC Tutorials (for seniors) —Mondays after school

Financial Aid Parent Night—Dec. 9, 2014; 6-8pm

ACT vs SAT: Key differences between the ACT and SAT

From <http://www.studypoint.com/ed/act-vs-sat/>

ACT vs SAT: which test is a better fit for your student? Students may take whichever test they prefer (assuming there are available testing locations for both tests). If you're not sure which test your child would prefer, consider the key differences between the ACT and SAT. Some students find that the ACT caters to their strengths more so than the SAT, and vice versa.

Need a quick side-by-side comparison of the tests? Check out our ACT vs SAT Comparison Chart.

SAT	vs.	ACT
reasoning test	Type of Test	content-based test
Critical Reading: 2, 25-min sections and 1, 20-min section; Math: 2, 25-min sections and 1, 20-min section; Writing: 1, 25-min essay, 1, 25-min section, and 1, 10-min section	Test Format	English: 1, 45-min section; Math: 1, 60-min section; Reading: 1, 35-min section; Science: 1, 35-min section; Writing: 1, 30-min essay (optional)
reading, vocabulary, grammar & usage, writing, and math	Content Covered	grammar & usage, math, reading, science reasoning, and writing (optional)
tricky, questions can be phrased in ways that make them difficult to decipher	Test Style	straightforward, questions may be long but are usually less difficult to decipher
Math, Critical Reading, and Writing scores will each range between a 200-800; total SAT score ranges between 600-2400	Scoring	English, Math, Reading, and Science scores will each range between 1-36. Composite ACT score is the average of your scores on the four sections; ranges between 1-36
yes – you lose ¼ of a point for incorrect answers (except on the grid-in math questions)	Penalty for Wrong Answers?	no – you do not lose points for incorrect answers
yes – you can choose which set(s) of SAT scores to submit to colleges	Score Choice?	yes – you can choose which set(s) of ACT scores to submit to colleges
questions increase in difficulty level as you move through that question type in a section (except reading passage questions, which progress chronologically through the passage)	Difficulty Levels	difficulty level of the questions is random
arithmetic, data analysis, algebra I and II, functions, geometry; formulas are provided in the test booklet	Math Levels	arithmetic, algebra I and II, functions, geometry, trigonometry; no formulas are provided
with private schools and schools on the east and west coasts; however, every four-year college in the US accepts SAT scores	Tends to be more popular?	with public schools and schools in the Midwest and south; however, every four-year college in the US accepts ACT scores
seven times per year: January, March or April, May, June, October, November, December	Offered when?	six times per year: February, April, June, September, October, December (note that some states offer the ACT as part of their state testing requirements; these tests are not administered on the national test dates)
typically about four weeks before the test date	Registration deadline?	typically about five to six weeks before the test date
www.collegeboard.com	More Information	www.act.org

HHS TESTING DATES

SAT

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Saturday, May 2, 2015

ACT

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Saturday, December 13, 2014

Saturday, April 18, 2015

All School Test Date (registration details coming soon)

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

9th Graders - PLAN

10th Graders - PSAT

11th Graders - PSAT

12th Graders - ASVAB

Credit by Exams (2nd Saturday of every Month)

After you have ordered your exam, sign up with your Counselor. **Last day to take a CBE is April 10, 2015. ** Note - Honor Graduates must have taken their CBE by March 6, 2015.

2014-15

SAT[®] and SAT Subject Tests[™] Calendar

Register at sat.org/register

Test Dates	2014			2015			
	Oct 11	Nov 8	Dec 6	Jan 24	Mar 14	May 2	Jun 6
SAT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
SAT Subject Tests							
Literature	•	•	•	•	SAT Subject Tests are not offered on this date	•	•
Biology E/M, Chemistry, Physics	•	•	•	•		•	•
Mathematics Levels I and II	•	•	•	•		•	•
United States (U.S.) History	•	•	•	•		•	•
World History			•				•
Languages: Reading Only							
French, Spanish	•		•	•		•	•
German, Modern Hebrew							•
Latin			•				•
Italian			•				•
Languages with Listening <i>You may take only one listening test on this date.</i>							
Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish		•					

* Sunday tests are given the next day, except for Oct. 19, which has been moved a week later to avoid conflict with a religious holiday. Please visit sat.org/register for the most up-to-date information.

Be sure to review the test calendar carefully as not all subjects are offered on every test date. The SAT Subject Tests offered on each test date are subject to change. Please check online for the latest test schedule.

Registration Deadlines	2014			2015			
	Oct 11	Nov 8	Dec 6	Jan 24	Mar 14	May 2	Jun 6
Regular Registration Deadline	Sep 12	Oct 9	Nov 6	Dec 29	Feb 13	Apr 6	May 8
Late Registration Deadline, Paper	Sep 26	Oct 24	Nov 21	Jan 9	Feb 27	Apr 17	May 22
Late Registration Deadline, Online and Phone	Sep 30	Oct 28	Nov 24	Jan 13	Mar 3	Apr 21	May 27

Deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time.



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Writing Test
is optional

2014|2015 ACT test dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline**	Late Registration Period** (Late Fee Required)	Photo Upload Deadline
September 13, 2014	August 8	August 9–22	September 5
October 25, 2014	September 19	Sept. 20–Oct. 3	October 17
December 13, 2014	November 7	November 8–21	December 5
February 7, 2015*	January 9	January 10–16	January 30
April 18, 2015	March 13	March 14–27	April 10
June 13, 2015	May 8	May 9–22	June 5

* No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February test date.

** If you miss the regular deadline, you can register during the late period but must pay the additional nonrefundable late fee.

Note that all materials sent by mail must be RECEIVED by the last date of the late period, regardless of when they are postmarked.

TEST FEES

ACT No Writing \$38.00

ACT Plus Writing \$54.50

Check our website to see if the colleges you are considering require or recommend the ACT Writing Test.

If you cannot afford the test fee, ask your counselor if you are eligible for a fee waiver.

If you miss the late registration deadline for a test date, you can still try to test standby.

Sign up today.

www.actstudent.org/start



2015 AP Exam schedule.

Week 1		Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon	
Monday, May 4	Chemistry Environmental Science		Psychology	
Tuesday, May 5	Calculus AB Calculus BC		Chinese Language and Culture Seminar	
Wednesday, May 6	English Literature and Composition		Japanese Language and Culture Physics 1: Algebra-Based	
Thursday, May 7	Computer Science A Spanish Language and Culture		Art History Physics 2: Algebra-Based	
Friday, May 8	German Language and Culture United States History		European History	
Week 2		Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon	Afternoon 2 p.m.
Monday, May 11	Biology Music Theory		Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 12	United States Government and Politics		French Language and Culture Spanish Literature and Culture	
Wednesday, May 13	English Language and Composition		Statistics	
Thursday, May 14	Comparative Government and Politics World History		Italian Language and Culture Macroeconomics	
Friday, May 15	Human Geography Microeconomics		Latin	

Student Name: _____ ID # _____

Class	Sem 1	Sem 2	Yr	Class	Sem 1	Sem 2
English				Other		
English 1 (EOC)	_____	_____	_____	Speech (.5)	_____	_____
4 English 2 (EOC)	_____	_____	_____	Fine Arts (1.0)	_____	_____
English 3	_____	_____	_____			
English 4	_____	_____	_____	*****		**
*****Math*****						Yr
Algebra 1 (EOC)	_____	_____	_____	Foreign Lang 1	_____	_____
4 Geometry	_____	_____	_____	Foreign Lang 2	_____	_____
Math Models	_____	_____	_____			
Algebra 2	_____	_____	_____	*****		
AMDM \ Pre-Calculus	_____	_____	_____			
Calculus \ Statistics	_____	_____	_____	PE (1.0)	_____	_____
				(up to 4credits)		
*****Science*****				Health	_____	_____
IPC – (DAP?)	_____	_____	_____	*****		
Biology (EOC)	_____	_____	_____			
4 Chemistry	_____	_____	_____	Electives (5.0)	_____	_____
Physics	_____	_____	_____			
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_____	_____	_____	_____			
*****Social Studies*****						
W. Geo	_____	_____	_____			
4 W. History	_____	_____	_____			
US History (EOC)	_____	_____	_____			
Govt \ Econ	_____	_____	_____			

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Review Dates and Initials _____