

JUNIOR YEAR PLANNING MEETING - FALL 2020

October – PSAT offered at North High. Registration information to follow.

January – Counselors will meet with parents and students to provide an overview of the college planning and application process. During that week, juniors meet with counselors in groups to discuss college planning and refamiliarize students with their Naviance “Tasks”.

- Upon submitting your completed *College Planning Questionnaire*, counselors will meet individually with juniors and will help develop a list of prospective schools relevant to your needs, etc. After this meeting, parents are welcome to schedule an appointment to address any questions or concerns related to the college process.

February & Spring Breaks, should circumstances allow, are typically an ideal time to visit colleges either in person or virtually.

March - College Panel for juniors and their parents. Admissions Counselors from several colleges/universities will answer questions about the college application process. This is followed by individual information sessions about those schools.

June - Rising Senior College Night for juniors and their parents. Summer and Fall “homework” in relation to the application process will be assigned.

Top 5 components of a college application:

1. Transcript
2. Standardized Testing **Some colleges are test optional and do not require standardized test scores.
* Check www.fairtest.org for “Test Optional” schools*
3. Essay
4. Extracurricular activities
5. Recommendations

PSAT vs. SAT vs. ACT

PSAT	SAT	ACT
2 Hours 45 minutes	3 hours (+ 50 min for essay)	2 hours 55 min (+ 40 min for essay)
3 sections *no essay	Reading, Writing & Lang, Math, Essay (optional)	Eng, Math, Reading, Science Reading, Essay (optional)
No science section	No formal science section <i>*science questions focused on reading charts and graphs will be included.</i>	Science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
Requires the use of trigonometric relationships	Arithmetic, Alg 1 & 2, Geometry, Trigonometry & Data Analysis	Arithmetic, Alg 1 & 2, Geometry & Trigonometry
No penalty for incorrect answers	No penalty for incorrect answers	No penalty for incorrect answers
5 reading passages	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Content- based	Content-based	Content-based
No essay	Essay optional *recommended* Tests your comprehension of a source text. <u>Score</u> : 2-8 on 3 dimensions	Essay optional *recommended* Tests how well you evaluate & analyze complex issues <u>Score</u> : 1-6 on 4 dimensions
Score Range: 320-1520	Score Range: 400 - 1600	Score Range: 1-36 (composite)

Standardized Testing Information

PSAT: will be offered at North High in October. Registration information to follow. *Your PSAT score should be available in December.*

SATs and/or ACTs: It is recommended that you take the SAT and/or ACT at least once by the end of junior year (and SAT II Subject Tests if appropriate). We encourage you to explore both exams so that YOU can decide which exam is best suited for you. Start mapping out your own testing schedule and then register online for the exams you want to take. See information below on when the exams are offered and registration deadlines.

TOEFL/Duolingo: If English is not your first language, and you have been in the United States for less than five years you must also take the TOEFL or Duolingo exam. Please check the college's website for further information. To register visit: www.toefl.org or <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/register>

*As soon as you know the date you plan to test, we strongly suggest that you register, as there is limited seating available for each test date. **YOU are responsible for registering online.***

<i>SAT – To register visit: www.collegeboard.org</i>		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline *Additional fee
December 5, 2020	November 5, 2020	November 24, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	March 2, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 20, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 26, 2021
August 2021	TBD	TBD
October 2021	TBD	TBD

<i>ACT- To register visit: www.actstudent.org</i>		
Test Date	Register Deadline	Late Deadline *Additional Fee
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 20, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 15, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021
*July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 25, 2021
September 2021	TBD	TBD
October 2021	TBD	TBD

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