



## COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS JUNIOR YEAR

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*During the first semester, juniors will meet with a counselor. Once a quarter, the college counselors will meet with the juniors in English class.*

*In second semester, the college counselors meet with juniors individually to discuss selection of classes for senior year and other college related topics.*

## MARIAN'S HIGH SCHOOL CODE is 141393

Juniors should memorize this code - it will be required when registering to take either the ACT or SAT. It is also asked for on many other college forms. It is sometimes referred to as a CEEB code.

# Testing Information

**At the present time, more than 1,700 colleges and universities are test optional.**

The problem for the Class of 2023 is that this may change. Many colleges and universities have already announced that they will remain test optional for the Class of 2023. For updated information on whether a college / university will be test optional, check the Fair Test website [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org).

Second semester is usually when students take the ACT and/or SAT for the first time. Because students decide when they will take the ACT and/or SAT, they register themselves – the Counseling Department **DOES NOT** register students for either test.

## ACT / SAT Test Dates

Registration information is available at

ACT - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

SAT - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**Feb 12 ACT** registration deadline Jan 7    **March 12 SAT** deadline Feb 11

**April 2 ACT @ Marian** deadline Feb 25    **May 7 SAT** deadline April 8

**June 11 ACT** deadline May 6    **June 4 SAT** deadline May 5

**July 16 ACT** deadline June 10

We encourage juniors to take either the ACT or SAT at least once during junior year.

**Here are the most frequently asked questions that the counselors are asked about the ACT and SAT**

### Do I have to take both tests?

A student may choose to take both tests. However, a student **DOES NOT** have to take both the ACT and SAT. If a college or university requires / accepts test scores, they will accept scores from either test.

### Should I take the Optional Writing Test for the ACT?

## Upcoming Programs

**Wednesday  
September 29  
Financial Aid for College**

**7:00 PM in the Leadership Center** - While you will not have to complete FAFSA until after October 1st, 2022, this program provides you a chance to begin to learn about the financial aid process.

It's probably not necessary. There are less than 12 colleges and universities in the country that require the Writing Test for admission. There aren't any colleges and universities in the Midwest that require the ACT Plus Writing. To find out whether the Writing Test is required by a college or university, go to the admissions page of the school's website.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

In Illinois, for a student considering Education as a major, the ACT Plus Writing test will be accepted in place of the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) that is required for teacher certification.

**Should a student take a test prep class for the ACT and SAT?**

There isn't one right way to prepare for the ACT or SAT. Two resources must be considered when deciding what to do to - time and money. Does the student have time to take a class? Is the class affordable?

Both ACT and SAT offer free test prep. For more information, go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) and [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

**Test Prep for the ACT / SAT**

An in-person test prep class will be offered at Marian in advance of the April ACT. Information about this class will be distributed later in November.

Below is information about on-line test prep opportunities that are available right now.

**Revolution Prep** [www.revolutionprep.com](http://www.revolutionprep.com)

**Jeanius Prep** [www.jeaniusprep.com](http://www.jeaniusprep.com).

**Monday October 4**

**College Fair 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the West and East Gyms**

134 colleges and universities will be here at Marian to talk with students. Students are expected to create a Strive Scan account.

**COLLEGE COUNSELING CONFERENCES**

Parents: In January you will receive information about scheduling a College Counseling Conference. This is an opportunity to meet with your student's college counselor and ask whatever questions you have about the college search and application process. Conferences are held before school at 7:00 AM or after school between 2:30 - 5:00 PM.

Please watch for information in future Counseling Newsletters and Naviance Student about requesting a college counseling conference.

**INVITATIONS TO ATTEND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

Parents, your student may receive many solicitations for programs such as National Academy of Future Medical Leaders, Lead America, NYLF (National Youth Leadership Forum), and NSLC

## One-to-One Learning Services

<https://one-to-onels.com/>

These programs offer test prep for all ACT and SAT dates.

(National Student Leadership Conference).

**These programs are not scams - however, they are expensive.** Oftentimes, it is confusing to parents and students because they never applied or asked to be nominated.

These programs can be worthwhile if you can afford them. However, do not attend because you think it will make a difference on a college application next fall because it doesn't.