

Junior Counseling Presentation



September 2017

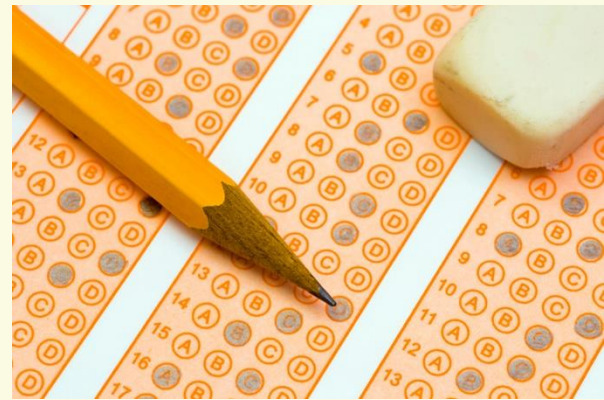
RHS Counselors

- Ms. Boldus
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- Ms. Martinson
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- Mr. Terry
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Standardized Testing

- PSAT
- ACT
- SAT Reasoning Test
- SAT Subject Tests



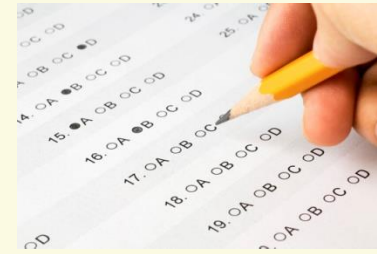
PSAT

- Reasons for taking the PSAT
 - Practice for the SAT
 - Enter competition for National Merit Scholarship
 - 1.5 million juniors took PSAT in 2016
 - About 8,200 became National Merit Scholars
 - Qualify for scholarships and enrichment programs that use the PSAT results
 - 3 parts: Critical Reading, Math Problem Solving Skills and Writing Skills

Additional PSAT Information

- Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 a.m. at RHS
- Cost: \$22
- Sign up on FeePay from September 30 through October 6
- PICK UP PSAT PRACTICE BOOKLET AND TESTING INFO IN COUNSELING OFFICE AFTER YOU SIGN UP ON FEE PAY
- PSAT online prep at <http://tinyurl.com/rhspSAT>

ACT



- On **April 3, 2018 ALL juniors** in the state of MN will take the ACT with Writing at their high school
- The ACT is the test taken most often by RHS students for 4 year college admissions (*The RHS curriculum is most aligned with ACT standards*)
- All colleges will accept ACT for admission
- Used to determine NCAA eligibility (code is 9999)

ACT Description

- Math (60 minutes- 60 questions)
- Reading (35 minutes- 40 questions)
- English (45 minutes -75 questions)
- Science Reasoning (35 minutes- 40 questions)

ACT Writing Test

- The ACT Writing Test is optional (it will be required for the April 3 testing at RHS)
- As of Fall 2017, U of M Rochester is the only college in MN that requires the ACT Writing test
- There are many colleges in MN that RECOMMEND THE ACT Writing Test, including the U of M-Twin Cities
- Check with each college for testing requirements

ACT Test Dates/Deadlines 2017-2018

Test Date

Registration Deadline

December 9

November 3

February 10

January 12

April 3

ALL juniors testing at RHS

April 14 (DO NOT TEST ON THIS DATE)

June 9

May 4

July 14 (not offered at RHS)

June 15

SAT and SAT Subject Tests

- SAT Reasoning Test: Critical Reading, Math & Writing
 - Usually taken in spring of junior year (March, May, June)
 - Test used for college admission
 - May be the preferred test for SOME highly selective universities and many east and west coast schools.
 - Can be used to determine NCAA eligibility (Code in 9999)
 - Cost - \$45
- SAT Subject tests
 - Used by highly selective universities
 - Student should check with each college or university
 - Measures student knowledge of a particular subject
 - May take up to 3 on any one Saturday
 - Cost - \$20 plus \$9 to \$20 per individual subject test

Registering and Preparing for the ACT or SAT

- Registration & Practice booklet– in Career Center
- Online Registration
 - ACT at www.actstudent.org – **you won't need to register online for the April 3 test date**
 - SAT at www.collegeboard.com
 - When registering you can send up to 4 free official scores to schools of your choice
 - Fee waiver for those who qualify-see your counselor
- Preparation and Practice
 - ACT Prep class at RHS
 - Naviance Test Prep – through Family Connection
 - ACT online Prep-\$39.95 for 1 year subscription

Time for Family Connection

- ▶ Open up Internet (Firefox)
- ▶ Click on Family Connection (Top Right)
- ▶ User Name: Student ID #
- ▶ Password: Student ID #



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*Raise your hand if you are having any difficulty logging in.

Family Connection: Next steps.



Open “About Me” (right side)

- Scroll to bottom to “Profile”
- Check email address for accuracy or click on pencil to add one

Open “About Me” again

- Complete NEEDS ASSESSMENT (left side under surveys) and SAVE
- Complete Career Interest Profiler and SAVE

If time permits:

- Finish “Do What You Are” personality test
- Explore all that Family Connection has to offer, including College Search
- Check out Naviance Test Prep to start reviewing for the ACT