

SAT AND CAPT (Science)

Darien Plan for State Testing Administration

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A Major Change in State Testing

- On October 7, 2015, the State BOE adopted SAT in lieu of SBAC exam as state assessment
 - State administered SAT will be at no cost to students
- All Juniors are required to take assessment
- March 2nd starts the “new” SAT
- State assessment does not include writing section

SAT Procedures

- Students can still register for the national test scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2016
- CT state administration for all Juniors is state mandated on Wednesday, March 2nd
- Students will be able to submit the March 2nd scores to colleges
- Students will also have the ability to cancel scores
- Khan academy partners with College Board to offer SAT test prep

College Board Mandates (Juniors)

- March 2nd required test date (April 27th makeup/snow day)
- Test must begin between 7:30-8:30am
- Bells and other distractions must be eliminated
- Students with accommodations need a separate setting
- Proper test setting procedures need to be followed:
 - Students must be four feet apart
 - Must be same proctor for test session
 - One lead proctor for every 34 students (accommodations rooms 1:10)

Total Testing Time - 4 hours

- Reading 65 minutes
- Writing and Language 35 minutes
- Math (no calculator) 25 minutes
- Math (with calculator) 55 minutes
- Breaks 15 minutes
- Directions, demographic completion, distribution/collection of materials 40 minutes

Mandated State Assessment—CAPT Science (Sophomores)

- State allows for administration any time during the month of March
- DHS to administer on March 2nd
 - Same day as SAT
- CAPT is in its third generation
 - Historically given during delayed openings

CAPT Procedures and Mandates (Sophomores)

- Bells and other distractions must be eliminated
- Proper test setting procedures need to be followed
- Students with accommodations need a separate setting

Testing Time

- Two 50 minute Sessions
- Break 10 minutes
- Directions, distribution/ collection of materials 20 minutes
- Total Time – 2 hours 10 minutes

Options Considered for Test Administration

- Hold CAPT and SAT on separate days with classes in session. Use large test settings/gyms
- Hold CAPT and SAT on separate days with delayed openings
- Hold CAPT and SAT on the same day with a delayed opening

DHS Administration Plan

- Hold CAPT and SAT at staggered times on March 2, 2016 with a delayed opening (Grades 9 and 12)
- SAT on 2nd floor, CAPT on 1st floor in classrooms
 - Viewed as optimal testing conditions, rather than gymnasium
- Students with accommodations test on third floor
- Lunch served for both 10th and 11th graders after the test
- Abbreviated afternoon schedule for entire school
 - Necessary to bring all students in to fulfill 180 day requirement
- No homework for Sophomores and Juniors on Tuesday night
- No tests/quizzes on March 2, 2016 for all students (9-12)
- Reschedule PLC from March 4, 2016 to March 18, 2016

Connecticut District Decisions

Undecided

- Greenwich
- New Canaan
- Region 9
- Stamford

Testing while classes in session

- Fairfield
- West Hartford
- Farmington
- Danbury
- Wilton

Delayed Opening

- Region 15
- Glastonbury
- Newtown
- Avon
- Ridgefield
- Westport

2 Delayed Openings

- Cheshire
- Norwalk

March 2, 2016

Schedule for Grades 10 and 11

- SAT 7:40-11:35am
- CAPT 9:00-11:10am (Students arrive at 9:00am)
- 10th Grade Lunch 11:10-11:40am
- 11th Grade Lunch 11:40-12:10pm
- Period 8 11:40-12:10pm (30 minutes) (no Juniors)
- Period 5 12:13-12:53pm (40 minutes)
- Period 6 12:56-1:36pm (40 minutes)
- Period 7 1:40-2:20pm (40 minutes)

*Buses will run on typical schedule

March 2, 2016

Schedule for Grades 9 and 12

School begins at 11:40am

- Period 8 11:40–12:10pm (30 minutes)
- Period 5 12:13–12:53pm (40 minutes)
- Period 6 12:56–1:36pm (40 minutes)
- Period 7 1:40–2:20pm (40 minutes)

Communication with Families

- Email blast following BOE meeting, to entire DHS community (PTO, CDSP, DHS families)
- Post to Website
- Parent Evening Meeting, February 8, 2016
- Reminder email notifications

Questions?