



College Counseling Junior Newsletter

March 2025

Information about ACT and SAT

Information about the ACT is available at www.act.org.

Juniors will be taking the School Day ACT on Tuesday, April 8th. The test will be paper and pencil. Because it is a School Day ACT, students do not register beforehand – we will visit Theology classes to assist them in registering. The fee for the ACT (\$50.50) will be added on the student's FACTS account.

If a junior decides to retake the ACT on a later date (see dates below), they will register at MyACT.org.

Students will have the option to choose whether they want to take an online ACT or paper and pencil ACT.

Remaining Test Dates in 2024 – 2025

	Registration Deadline	Late Registration deadline
June 14 (at Marian - paper)	May 9	May 16
July 12	June 6	June 20

Test Dates in 2025 – 2026

September 6 (at Marian - paper)	August 1	August 19
October 18	September 12	September 30
December 13	November 7	November 24

February 14	January 7	January 21
April 11	March 6	March 24
June 13	May 8	May 27
July 11	June 5	June 24

Information about the SAT is available at www.collegeboard.org

The SAT is a digital test – College Board no longer offers a paper and pencil test for the SAT. For more information about the Digital SAT, click [here](#) to go to the [College Board website](#). Here are SAT dates for the remainder of junior year and 1st semester of senior year. Marian is not a test center for the SAT.

May 3	April 18	April 22
June 7	May 22	May 27

Registration deadlines for test dates in 2025 – 2026 have not been announced yet. Check the College Board website – www.collegeboard.org

August 23	September 13	October 4	November 8	December 6
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Sending Test Scores to a college

If a college or university requires a test score, a student may choose to submit a test score from either the ACT or SAT. This is the case for ALL colleges / universities that require a student to submit a test score. Counselors will explain this process when students return to school in August.

Test Optional update

According to Fair Test (www.fairtest.org), the number of colleges and universities that are test optional for the Class of 2026 is over 2,100.

As of February 2025, the following colleges and universities **require** that an ACT or SAT score be submitted:

Augusta University	Harvard University
University of Memphis	
Brown University	Johns Hopkins University
University of Miami	
California Institute of Technology	Kennesaw State University
University of Pennsylvania	
Carnegie Mellon University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of South Florida	
Cornell University	New College of Florida
University of Tennessee	
Dartmouth College	New Saint Andrews College
University of Texas-Austin	
Florida A&M University	Patrick Henry College
University of Wisconsin-Madison	
Florida International University	Purdue University
US Air Force Academy	
Florida State University	Stanford University
US Coast Guard Academy	
Gallaudet University	Thomas Aquinas College
US Merchant Marine Academy	
Georgetown University	University of Central Florida
US Military Academy	
Georgia College & State University	University of Dallas
US Naval Academy	
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Florida
Vanderbilt University	
Georgia Southern University	University of Georgia
Yale University	
Georgia State University	

While a decision to return to requiring test scores for admission should have already been made, there is the possibility that a college or university may yet announce in the next month that they will return to requiring a test score for the Class of 2026. We would advise that you check with any college or university that your junior is considering applying to just in case.

ACT / SAT Test Prep Opportunities

For juniors who decide they want to retake the ACT after the April score is received, here are some options for test prep.

Both ACT and College Board offer free test prep on their websites. For the **ACT**, click [here](#). For the SAT, click [here](#).

Analyze Ed – The juniors have received access information to an individualized test prep plan based on their performance on the full-length practice ACT they took on January 15th. They will have access to this throughout the summer.

Jeanius Prep offers online classes for all ACT and SAT test dates. Classes for the June ACT begin in late April, In mid-May for the July ACT, and in July for the September ACT. They also offer SAT test prep for the June and August test dates. For their complete schedule, click [here](#).

Revolution Prep offers online classes for all ACT and SAT test dates.

Selecting Classes for Senior Year

The college counselors have been meeting with the juniors to talk about their class choices for senior year. Part of the meeting is spent making sure that all juniors are on track to meet Marian's graduation requirements. Discussion of college admission requirements is also a topic during these meetings.

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College Counseling Conferences

The college counselors have started meeting with juniors and their parents for college counseling conferences. If you are unable to locate the information and request form that was mailed to you, please contact the college counselor that is your junior's counselor.

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College Essay Writing Workshop

Registration information for a workshop on writing the college application essay will be mailed home in April. The 90-minute workshop will be offered on Tuesday June 3rd and Wednesday June 4th. Students may choose the session that they want to attend.

Georgia Tech Admission Blog

If you are looking for a great place with information about the college search and admission process, we recommend the Georgia Tech Admission Blog. As a parent of a junior - especially if this is your first time through this process as a parent, you may find the posts very helpful. Links to two of their posts from last January and February are below.

[Three Messages Parents of High School Students Need to Hear About College Admission](#)

[Three \(MORE\) Messages Parents of High School Students Need to Hear About College Admission](#)

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