

COLLEGE COUNSELING 2025–2026



Class 9 Students

- September: College Counselor assigned to every student
- November–January: Counselors will meet individually with their assigned students
- Three meetings with entire Class 9:
 - › January: Introduce college counselors and provide overview of college counseling at Dexter Southfield
 - › February: Introduction to [Naviance](#) program
 - › May: Plan for productive summer experiences

Class 9 Parents

- › January: Class 9 Parent College Night (January 29, 2026)

Class 10 Students

- September: College Counselor assigned to every **NEW** student
- September–October: College representatives visit the School. Class 10 students have the option of attending college rep visits during free blocks.
- March–June: Counselors will meet individually with their assigned students
- Three meetings with entire Class 10:
 - › November: Explain the components of a college application, discuss ways to explore academic and extracurricular interests in meaningful ways
 - › January: Reintroduction to [Naviance](#)
 - › May: Plan for productive summer experiences
- June 1 & 2, 2026: At-Home Digital SAT and ACT Diagnostic Testing (virtually proctored). Class 10 students are strongly encouraged to take **both** the SAT and ACT digital diagnostic tests at home.
- Late June: Scoring and analysis of diagnostic tests delivered to all students with recommendations for testing plan

Class 10 Parents

- **March:** Student and Parent College night (March 26, 2026)
 - › Conversation with Dan Kusik from [Advantage Testing](#) – explanation of testing landscape and benefit of diagnostics
- **Late June:** Scoring and analysis of diagnostic tests delivered to families with recommendations for testing plan

Class 11 Students

- **September:** Meeting with entire class to discuss nuts and bolts of college rep visits at Dexter Southfield and campus visits
- **September–October:** College representatives visit the School. Class 11 students are encouraged to attend college rep visits of interest
- **October:** [PSAT/NMSQT](#) and SAT Digital Testing at Dexter Southfield: October 8, 2025
 - › Class 11 students have the option of taking either the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT School Day Test
- **October:** ACT School Day Paper and Pencil Testing at Dexter Southfield: October 14, 2025
- **December:** *Class 11 Parent & Student College Night with College Admissions Representatives* (December 4, 2025); Overview of college counseling process and advice from admissions reps
- **January–March:** Class 11 College Seminars – Seven classes taught in small groups with college counselor during conference block, once each week
 - › Topics include how to research colleges, evaluating scattergrams, creating a balanced list, demonstrating interest, writing the college essay, interviewing, introduction to the [Common App](#), and financial aid overview.
- **January:** 1:1 meetings with students begin after submission of the required Class 11 Student Questionnaire (Deadline: January 5, 2026) and meetings continue throughout the spring and summer as requested
- **February–June:** Optional SAT & ACT Test Prep by Advantage Testing (Digital courses), Offered to Class 11 Students
- **April:** SAT & ACT School Day Testing at Dexter Southfield: April 7, 2026
 - › Class 11 students have the option of taking either the SAT (Digital) or ACT (Paper and Pencil) test
- **April:** Meeting with entire class to introduce [College Kickstart](#) program, discuss tips for upcoming BISCCA college fair, and explain teacher recommendation request process. Individual meetings to review College Kickstart lists to follow.
- **April:** Student Panel – A group of Class 12 students will offer advice to Class 11 students
- **April:** BISCCA College Fair: April 26, 2026

Class 11 Parents

- **December:** *Class 11 Parent & Student College Night* with college admissions representatives (December 4, 2025)
- **January–March:** 1:1 parent meetings begin after required Parent Questionnaire is submitted (Deadline: January 5, 2026) and after counselor has met with student
- **May:** *Class 11 Parent Presentation* to discuss nuts and bolts of college application process, explore scattergrams, and ask questions (May 7, 2026)

Class 12 Students

- **June, July, August:** Three monthly “Senior Checklists” emailed to students and parents
- **August:** Class 12 Common Application Bootcamp (August 19, 2025)
 - › All Class 12 students are strongly encouraged to participate
- **June–August:** Counselors available for 1:1 meetings with students and parents as requested throughout the summer and continue in the fall after students submit their required Senior Sketch, Activity Resume, and College Materials Agreement (Deadline: September 2, 2025)
- **September–November:** 1:1 student meetings to discuss specifics of application process for Early Action (EA) and Early Decision (ED)
- **September–October:** College representatives visit the School. Class 12 students are highly encouraged to attend college rep visits for the colleges to which they plan to apply and/or colleges to which they are strongly considering.
- **September–October:** Class 12 College Seminars - Eight classes taught in small groups with college counselor during weekly conference block
 - › Topics include writing supplemental responses, revising the college essay, logistics of submitting applications, deadline management, and financial aid/scholarships recap
- **October:** SAT School Day Digital Testing at Dexter Southfield: October 8, 2025
 - › Class 12 students have the option of taking the SAT School Day Test
- **October:** ACT School Day Paper and Pencil Testing at Dexter Southfield: October 14, 2025
 - › Class 12 students have the option of taking the ACT School Day Test
- **November:** Breakfast sandwiches for seniors and recommendation writers to celebrate first deadline: November 3, 2025
- **December–March:** 1:1 student meetings (as needed) to discuss Regular Decision (RD) and Early Decision II (EDII) application process, financial aid/scholarships, deposit decisions
- **April:** Collegiate Athlete Reception: April 28, 2026
- **May:** Class 12 College Shirt Photo Day: May 1, 2026

Class 12 Parents

- **June, July, August:** Three monthly “Senior Checklists” emailed to students and parents
- **August:** *Senior Parent College Meeting* to discuss what’s next and answer questions (August 25, 2025)
- **September – May:** 1:1 meetings with parents as requested

Additional

- Middle School Parent Presentation: October 15, 2025
- US & MS Athletic Recruiting Night organized with the Director of Athletics: January 20, 2026
- College Counseling Newsletters—highlighting upcoming events, helpful reminders, and pertinent resources—are emailed home monthly

2025–2026 Standardized Testing

School Day Testing (at Dexter Southfield)

Registration Deadline for School Day Testing: August 29, 2025

PSAT/NMSQT (Digital): Wednesday, October 8, 2025 (Optional for Class 11)

SAT School Day Testing (Digital): Wednesday, October 8, 2025 (Optional for Classes 11 & 12)

ACT School Day Testing (Paper/Pencil): Tuesday, October 14, 2025 (Optional for Classes 11 & 12)

SAT School Day Testing (Digital): Tuesday, April 7, 2026 (Optional for Class 11)

ACT School Day Testing (Paper/Pencil): Tuesday, April 7, 2026 (Optional for Class 11)

SAT Testing (Off Site: Digital)

Saturday, August 23, 2025 (Registration Deadline: August 8, 2025)

Saturday, September 13, 2025 (Registration Deadline: August 29, 2025)

Saturday, October 4, 2025 (Registration Deadline: September 19, 2025)

Saturday, November 8, 2025 (Registration Deadline: October 24, 2025)

Saturday, December 6, 2025 (Registration Deadline: November 21, 2025)

Saturday, March 14, 2026 (Registration Deadline: February 27, 2026)

Saturday, May 2, 2026 (Registration Deadline: April 17, 2026)

Saturday, June 6, 2026 (Registration Deadline: May 22, 2026)

[Register for SAT Testing](#)

ACT Testing (Off Site: Digital or Paper/Pencil Options)

Saturday, September 6, 2025 (Registration Deadline: August 1, 2025)

Saturday, October 18, 2025 (Registration Deadline: September 12, 2025)

Saturday, December 13, 2025 (Registration Deadline: November 7, 2025)

Saturday, February 14, 2026 (Registration Deadline: January 9, 2026)

Saturday, April 11, 2026 (Registration Deadline: March 6, 2026)

Saturday, June 13, 2026 (Registration Deadline: May 8, 2026)

Saturday, July 11, 2026 (Registration Deadline: June 5, 2026)

[Register for ACT Testing](#)

AP Testing (at Dexter Southfield)

Week 1: Monday, May 4—Friday, May 8, 2026

Week 2: Monday, May 11—Friday, May 15, 2026

[AP Exam Schedule](#)

Standardized Testing with Accommodations

- [College Board Accommodations \(PSAT, SAT, AP\)](#)
- [ACT Accommodations](#)

Questions regarding standardized testing with accommodations should be directed to Beth Nunes (bnunes@dextersouthfield.org) in the Academic Support Office.