



G.W. Hewlett High School

PPS/Counseling Newsletter

October 2025

Dates to Remember:

October 2nd

Schools Closed

Yom Kippur

October 3rd

Device Check for PSAT

Period 9

Progress Reports posted to

Parent Portal

October 7th

College Board Award

Recipient Photo

October 11th

PSAT @ WMS

October 13th

Schools Closed

Columbus Day

October 17th

No School

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 21st

PSAT for Religious

Observant Students

October 28th

Parent University

Digital PSAT

Saturday, October 11th

October 21st for Religious Observant Students

Woodmere Middle School @ 7:45 AM

The Bluebook App has been downloaded to all students' Chromebooks, which is the platform for the exam. On October 7th, during period 9, all test takers will report to an assembly to become familiar with this technology. Students must bring their computer to the assembly. Reminders will be sent earlier in week.

On test day, students are asked to report to Woodmere Middle School no later than 7:45 AM and enter through the front doors. Students must bring their fully-charged Chromebook, an approved calculator, and photo ID.

Snacks and water can be packed in clear zip-lock bags with student name clearly labeled. Students will be asked to place their snack bag and cell phone on a table in the testing room

NMSQT: The PSAT is also the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Juniors who score in a nationally superior range (typically the top 0.5% of scores) may be invited to participate in this program. Qualified students will be notified in late spring of junior year. Semi-finalists for this prestigious competition are notified in mid-September of senior year. [Click here](#) to learn more.

[Register for PSAT](#)

ATTENTION COLLEGE BOARD AWARD WINNERS

Hewlett High School students who have received recognition from College Board are asked to report to the football bleachers on **Tuesday, October 7th** during homeroom, for a photo that celebrates their accomplishments.

- College Board Awards include:
 - AP Scholar Recipients
 - School Recognition Award Winners
 - First Generation Award Winners
 - Capstone Certification/Diploma Recipients

Save the Date:

November 15th/16th

PreACT

Pre ACT and ACT Updates



PreACT: November 15, 2025

Paper and Pencil Exam

The online registration form for the PreACT is now open.

Students interested in taking this practice exam are asked to report to **Woodmere Middle School** no later than 7:45 AM, where classroom assignments will be posted. Students must have two #2 pencils, a graphing calculator, and acceptable photo ID.

Snacks must be packed in clear zip-lock bags with name clearly labeled. Labels must be removed from all water bottles. Students must bring proper photo ID and their Admission Ticket.

Acceptable Photo ID documents include:

- Valid driver's license or driver's permit
- U.S. Passport
- Hewlett High School ID Card
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For students who are religious observant or involved in the school musical, we are offering the exam on **Sunday, November 16th**. Please indicate this request on the form.

Watch for an email from Hewlett High School the week prior to exam with required **Admission Ticket**.

[Click here to register](#)



Old ACT VS Enhance ACT

SECTION	# OF QUESTIONS	MINUTES/ SECTION
ENGLISH	~~75~~ 50	~~45~~ 35
MATH	~~60~~ 45	~~60~~ 50
READING	~~40~~ 36	~~35~~ 40
SCIENCE	40	~~35~~ 40
WRITING	1 ESSAY	40

* Optional in Enhanced ACT
Optional in both versions of ACT

Parent University

OCTOBER 28TH

Hewlett High School

Session I @ 7:00 PM - 8: 10 PM

- **Paying for College: Financial Aid Presentation**

Presented by Gene Rogers, Molloy University

Filling out the FAFSA can be a difficult task for parents and/or students. There is an overwhelming amount of information that needs to be submitted in order to qualify for the best financial aid package available. Not to mention, the FAFSA form is long and has branching sections depending on your financial situation. At the Financial Aid Night, an expert will go over everything you need to know about filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid).

- **Positive Parenting: How to Reduce Anxiety**

Presented by Amy Callahan, LCSW from Northwell Health

Parenting is a beautiful journey, often accompanied by unique challenges, especially when navigating your own anxiety or supporting a child who struggles with theirs. This informative workshop is designed to equip parents with practical, compassionate, and effective tools to foster a more peaceful and connected family life. Learn positive parenting strategies to build strong bonds, develop resilience in your children, and master actionable techniques for managing anxiety.

Session II @ 8:15 PM - 9: 10 PM

- **The Five Components of a College Application**

Presented by Mary Harrison and Tom Ehlers, Method Test Prep

Parents of all grade levels are invited to learn about the components of a college application. Mrs. Harrison will detail these important variables in order for students to be highly prepared. Tom Ehlers, from Method Test Prep will give an overview of the SAT and the Enhanced ACT and explain the format of both exams.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

SUNY College FREE App Week

October 20-November 3

Seniors should take advantage of submitting all their SUNY applications during this time period as the application fee is waived. Don't miss out on the savings!



College Scholarships and Financial Aid:

Once the college applications have been submitted, students and parents should immediately turn their attention to researching scholarships. There is a great deal of scholarship money available for students, but it does require research! Popular scholarship websites are collegeboard.org, [ScholarshipOwl](#); [NICHE](#); [UNIGO](#); [Bold.org](#); [Peterson's](#), [Scholly.com](#) and [Scholarship.com](#).

Types of Scholarships:

- **Need Based Scholarships:** Money awarded based on financial need; as demonstrated on the FAFSA. Packages are mailed home in early spring of senior year after electronic submission of FAFSA form.
- **Merit Scholarships:** Money awarded based upon academic achievement during high school and standardized test scores. Generally, no additional work is required and notification comes with (or shortly after) admissions offer.
- **New York State Excelsior Scholarship:** Full tuition, based on lottery, for SUNY and CUNY colleges.
- **College-Based Scholarships:** Money awarded by a specific college. Many competitive colleges award money based on additional requirements that are fulfilled on separate scholarship application.
- **General College Scholarships:** Many organizations offer scholarship money based upon a variety of factors. Each scholarship will require a separate application with varying degrees of additional work.

CSS Profile: Many private schools require this financial document beyond the FAFSA form. Watch their deadline dates! [Click here to see if your applied college\(s\) require this form.](#)

Application Reminders:

eDocs: Students must match their common app account to their Naviance account and make certain all applied colleges are listed on their Naviance account. [Click here](#) to view video on steps to match platforms.

PPS Procedures: When students have a firm list of colleges, they must fill out the [Transcript Request Form](#). This list will be viewed by the school counselor and school registrar.

Teacher Recommendation Letters: Teachers will be submitting their recommendation letters online. Students must invite teachers through their Naviance account and should connect with them to inquire if additional information is needed. Teacher Rec. questions are located on students' Naviance account.

Counselors' Letter of Recommendation: To allow your counselor to write the most in-depth, accurate, and supportive recommendation letter possible, be sure to have completed the Parent and Student Brag Sheets. [Click here](#) to open forms.



On-Site College Admissions

Seniors at Hewlett High School have a wonderful opportunity to meet with local college representatives and have an instant admissions decision made at our on-site program. There are many benefits to participating.

Among them are:

- 1) Immediate admissions decision;
- 2) Less stress during the waiting game;
- 3) No application fee for most colleges.

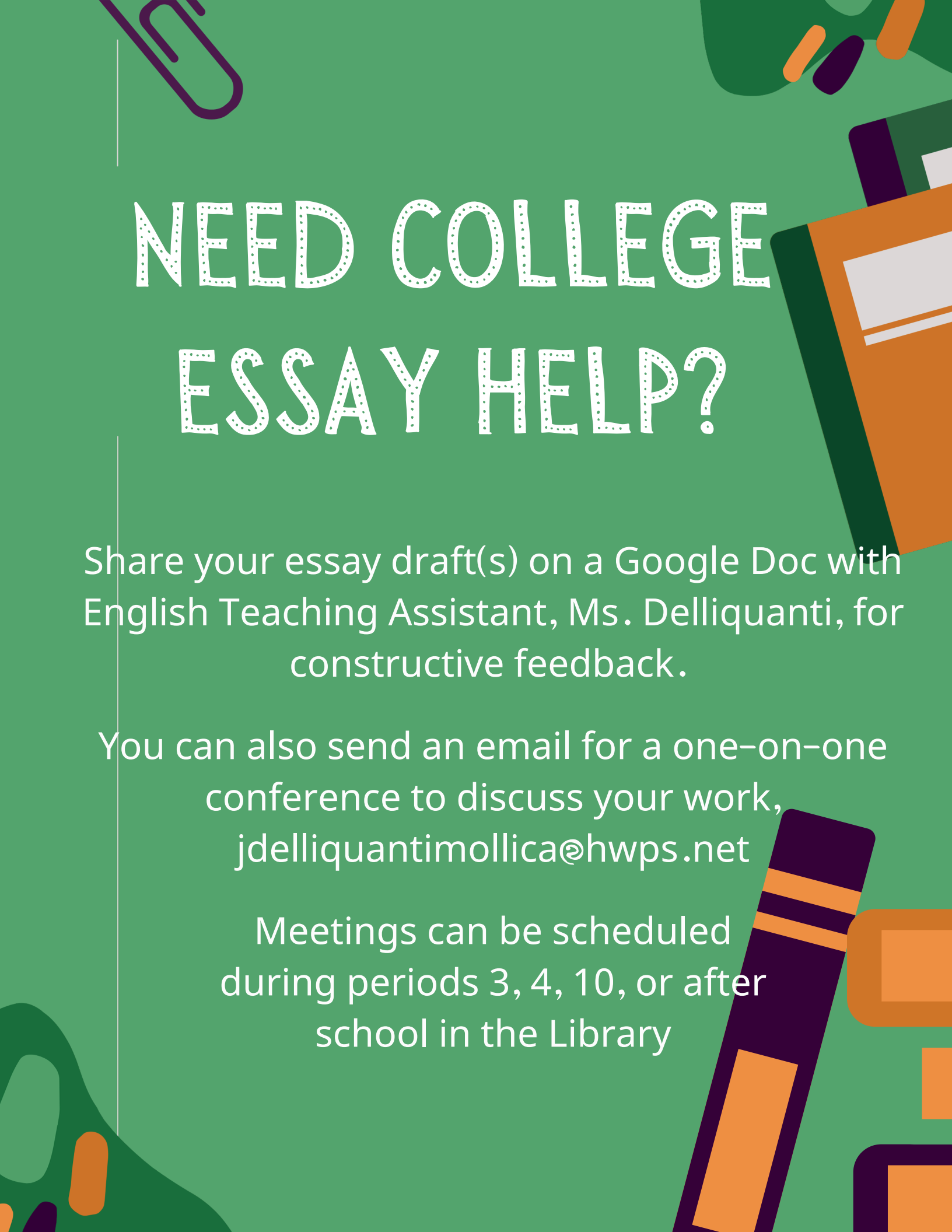
Click [here](#) to view the individual college's eligibility for participation. If you qualify, please make an appointment with Mrs. Bavaro for an interview and to obtain further guidelines for your selected college. It is important to view these guidelines as each college has different requirements.

While we may have your SAT or ACT scores, teacher letters, and transcript on file, you must electronically submit your application, print it ,and hand a copy into PPS by material due date.

College	On-Site Date	Materials Due to PPS:
Molloy University	November 7	October 31
LIU Post	November 13	November 6
Hofstra University	November 24	November 17
New York Institute of Tech	December 2	November 25
Farmingdale State College	December 4	November 20
St. John's University	December 10	December 3
Nassau Community College	January 7	December 19



[Click here to view individual college requirements](#)

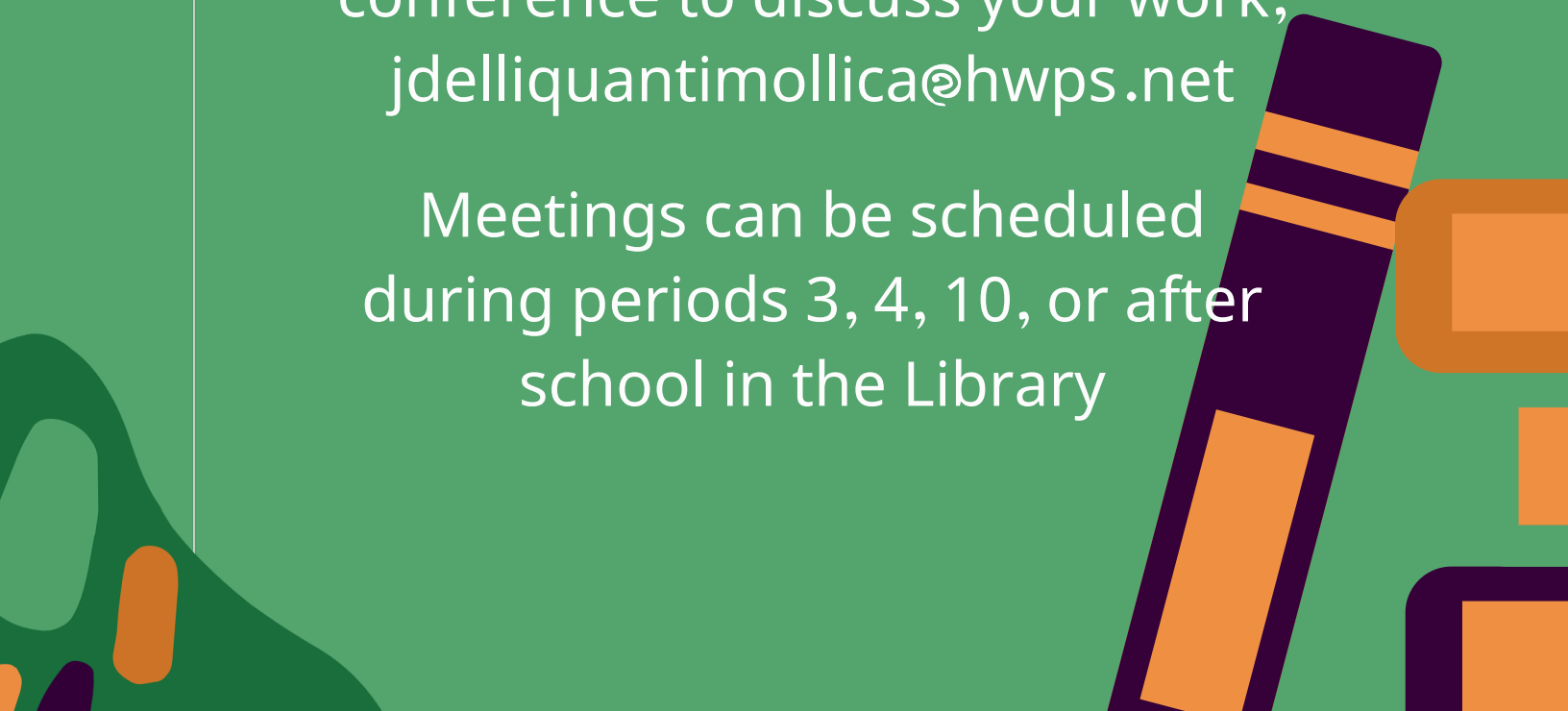


NEED COLLEGE ESSAY HELP?

Share your essay draft(s) on a Google Doc with English Teaching Assistant, Ms. Delliquanti, for constructive feedback.

You can also send an email for a one-on-one conference to discuss your work,
jdelliquantimollica@hwps.net

Meetings can be scheduled during periods 3, 4, 10, or after school in the Library



COUNSELOR ON CALL @ HHS



Assisting with :

- Common App
- Naviance
- Self-Report Transcripts
- Essays
- Organization/Guidance

Weekly Sign up at the PPS Reception Desk

Wednesdays

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Internet Cafe

See Mrs. Harrison
for details

What to Expect

JUNIOR year

September/October

- ✓ Begin developing positive relationship with your junior-year teachers as they may be your recommender to college and/employment.
- ✓ Register for the Digital PSAT given on Saturday, October 11th or October 21st for religious observance. Practice using the Bluebook App for PSAT. All SAT exams are digital; the Enhanced ACT is paper & pen or digital, depending on how you register.
- ✓ Start researching ways to prepare for spring SAT and/or ACT.
 - o ACT/SAT prep on Castle Learning, Khan Academy, etc.
- ✓ Attend Financial Aid Night on October 28th for an early introduction to the process .

November

- ✓ Register for PreACT given on Saturday, November 15th or Sunday, November 16th.
- ✓ Continue building electronic resume in Naviance Develop a standardized testing schedule.

December

- ✓ Review results from both PSAT and PreACT Start researching admissions requirements for colleges of interest; build a spreadsheet.

February

- ✓ Make appointment with school counselor to begin college planning. Plan your senior courses – be certain to enroll in courses that are appropriately challenging courses. Be sure to value your teachers' course recommendations. Begin to identify which teacher(s) to write your college recommendation letter.

March/April

- ✓ Attend College Night on March 3rd.
- ✓ Spring College Fair Hofstra University in April.
- ✓ Begin visiting colleges of interest.
 - o Create a college log book (marble notebook) and write down all pertinent info.

May/June

- ✓ Start finalizing your list of colleges and summer plans to include college visitations, if possible.
- ✓ Ask teacher(s) in person to write college recommendation letter.
- ✓ Attend Essay Workshop in English class.
- ✓ Attend CommonApp workshop through English classes with college representatives.

July/August

- ✓ Continue working on the online applications.
- ✓ Attend College Workshops in late August for commonapp and essay review and SRAR.

September/October

- ✓ Attend all college related programs offered at Hewlett HS.
- ✓ Meet with your school counselor to share updates and review completed work.
- ✓ Apply for financial aid through fafsa.org, which opens October 1st.
- ✓ Update and maintain Naviance accounts

November

- ✓ Participate in onsite admissions programs through the PPS Office.
- ✓ Early admissions applications are due.

December/January

- ✓ All applications are due; process is winding down.
- ✓ Start/continue researching scholarship options.

ACT / SAT 2025-2026

SAT Dates: Register at collegeboard.org	SAT Registration Deadline
September 13, 2025	August 29, 2025
October 4, 2025	September 19, 2025
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026

ACT Dates: Register at Act.org	ACT Dates: Register at Act.org
September 6, 2025	September 6, 2025
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025
February 14, 2026	January 9, 2026
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026

SAT/ACT Online Prep Courses:

- Students can prep for these standardized exams by utilizing **Method Test Prep**. Hewlett - Woodmere Schools provides this online platform to every student through their Castle Learning account. Look for Methodize on the left-hand tool bar.
- With a Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library Card, students can access **Tutor.com** for free, which provides virtual tutoring in SAT, ACT, and much more!
- **Khan Academy** is another resource that is a partnership company with College Board for SAT prep. This program also has tutoring programs for many other disciplines.

SAT CLASS AT George W. Hewlett High School



Prepare for the December 2025 SAT Exam with Curvebreakers

SCHEDULE

Date	Time
11/5 *PT	6:30 - 9:00 PM
11/10	6:30 - 8:30 PM
11/12	6:30 - 8:30 PM
11/17	6:30 - 8:30 PM
11/19	6:30 - 8:30 PM
11/24	6:30 - 8:30 PM
12/1 *PT	6:30 - 9:00 PM
12/3†	6:30 - 9:00 PM

Class Meets at George W. Hewlett High School.

*PT= Full-length SAT Practice Test.

†Session ends at 9:00 PM.

Class dates followed by *PT indicate that the session will be dedicated to taking a full-length, digital SAT practice exam. These sessions are not optional. Test results are available immediately after completing the test.

Students are required to bring a laptop or tablet to take our online, digital practice

SAT exams.

Discounted Registration: \$299 per student

(Reg. price: \$350)

Register Online:



[CURVEBREAKERSTESTPREP.COM/HEWLETT/](https://curvebreakertestprep.com/hewlett/)

Required CourseBook (Not including in registration)

Decoding the Digital SAT is available on Amazon.

Please bring the book to every class session.

Class Includes:

- 12.5 Hours of Classroom Instruction
- 2 Proctored, Digital SAT Practice Exams with Immediate Results and Diagnostic Score Analyses
- 99th-Percentile Scoring Instructors
- Customized Class Curriculum
- Post-Session Notes and Homework Emailed to Parents and Students

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ENHANCED ACT CLASS AT George W. Hewlett High School



Prepare for the December 2025 Enhanced ACT Exam with Curvebreakers

SCHEDULE

Date	Time
11/12 *PT	6:30 - 9:00 PM
11/17	6:30 - 8:30 PM
11/19	6:30 - 8:30 PM
11/24	6:30 - 8:30 PM
12/1	6:30 - 8:30 PM
12/3	6:30 - 8:30 PM
12/8 *PT	6:30 - 9:00 PM
12/10†	6:30 - 9:00 PM

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Class dates followed by *PT indicate that the session will be dedicated to taking a full-length, digital ACT practice exam. These sessions are not optional. Test results are available immediately after completing the test.

Students are required to bring a laptop or tablet to take our online, digital practice ACTexams.

Discounted Registration: \$299 per student

(Reg.price: \$350)

Register Online:

[CURVEBREAKERSTESTPREP.COM/HEWLETT/](https://curvebreakerstestprep.com/hewlett/)



Class Description:

This class allows students to complete 12.5 hours of total class preparation and two proctored practice tests before the official exam takes place on December 13th, 2025.

An instructor will review all four sections of the exam, diving into the most often tested concepts and proven strategies that help students move through the exam efficiently and effectively. The two practice tests allow students to first establish a baseline and determine their weaknesses and then to gauge their progress towards the end of the course.

Course Materials:

Digital course materials will be given to students at the first class session, which include several practice tests for homework and study guides.

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