DEXTER SOUTHFIELD

COLLEGE COUNSELING 2026–2027







Class 9 Students

- **September:** College Counselor assigned to every student
- **November—January:** Counselors will meet individually with their assigned students
- Periodic meetings with entire Class 9 to discuss college related topics

Class 9 Parents

› **January:** Class 9 Parent College Night (January 28, 2027)

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
- Periodic meetings with entire Class 10 to discuss maximizing the Dexter Southfield experience in preparation for the college admissions process
- **June:** 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 30, 2027)
  - › 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

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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/NSMSQT and SAT Digital Testing at Dexter Southfield: October 7, 2026
  - › 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 13, 2026
- **December:** *Class 11 Parent & Student College Night with College Admissions Representatives* (December 1, 2026); Overview of college counseling process and advice from admissions reps
- **January—March:** Class 11 College Seminars – Classes taught in small groups with college counselor during conference block, once each week
- **January:** 1:1 meetings with students begin after submission of the required Class 11 Student Questionnaire (Deadline: January 4, 2027) 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 20, 2027
  - › 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 25, 2027

Class 11 Parents

- **December:** *Class 11 Parent & Student College Night* with college admissions representatives (December 1, 2026)
- **January–March:** 1:1 parent meetings begin after required Parent Questionnaire is submitted (Deadline: January 4, 2027) and after counselor has met with student
- **March:** *Class 11 Parent Presentation* to discuss nuts and bolts of college application process, explore scattergrams, and ask questions (March 9, 2027)

Class 12 Students

- **June, July, August:** Three monthly "Senior Checklists" emailed to students and parents
- **August:** Class 12 Common Application Bootcamp (August 18, 2026)
  - 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 1, 2026)
- **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 - 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 7, 2026
  - 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 13, 2026
  - 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 2, 2026
- **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 27, 2027
- **April:** Class 12 College Shirt Photo Day: April 30, 2027

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 31, 2026)
- **September – May:** 1:1 meetings with parents as requested

Additional

- Middle School Parent Presentation: November 5, 2026
- US & MS Athletic Recruiting Night organized with the Director of Athletics: January 19, 2027
- College Counseling Newsletters—highlighting upcoming events, helpful reminders, and pertinent resources—are emailed home monthly

2026–2027 Standardized Testing

School Day Testing *(at Dexter Southfield)*
Register for School Day Testing via the College Counseling Office
PSAT/NMSQT (Digital): Wednesday, October 7, 2026 (Optional for Class 11)
SAT School Day Testing (Digital): Wednesday, October 7, 2026 (Optional for Classes 11 & 12)
ACT School Day Testing (Paper/Pencil): Tuesday, October 13, 2026 (Optional for Classes 11 & 12)
SAT School Day Testing (Digital): Tuesday, April 20, 2027 (Optional for Class 11)
ACT School Day Testing (Paper/Pencil): Tuesday, April 20, 2027 (Optional for Class 11)

SAT Testing *(Off Site: Digital)*
Saturday, August 22, 2026 | Registration Deadline: August 7, 2026
Saturday, September 12, 2026 | Registration Deadline: August 28, 2026
Saturday, October 3, 2026 | Registration Deadline: September 18, 2026
Saturday, November 7, 2026 | Registration Deadline: October 23, 2026
Saturday, December 5, 2026 | Registration Deadline: November 20, 2026
Saturday, March 6, 2027 | Registration Deadline: February 19, 2027
Saturday, May 1, 2027 | Registration Deadline: April 16, 2027
Saturday, June 5, 2027 | Registration Deadline: May 21, 2027
Register for SAT Testing

ACT Testing *(Off Site: Digital or Paper/Pencil Options)*
Saturday, September 19, 2026 | Registration Deadline: August 14, 2026
Saturday, October 17, 2026 | Registration Deadline: September 11, 2026
Saturday, December 12, 2026 | Registration Deadline: November 6, 2026
Saturday, February 27, 2026 | Registration Deadline: January 22, 2027
Saturday, April 10, 2027 | Registration Deadline: March 5, 2027
Saturday, June 12, 2027 | Registration Deadline: May 7, 2027
Saturday, July 10, 2027 | Registration Deadline: June 4, 2027
Register for ACT Testing

AP Testing *(at Dexter Southfield)*
Week 1: Monday, May 3—Friday, May 7, 2027
Week 2: Monday, May 10—Friday, May 14, 2027
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.

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