

SOPHOMORE YEAR

WHEN	AT SCHOOL	ACT	PSAT	SAT	NOTES
October			PSAT (practice for next year)		<p>Throughout the Sophomore year, it is vital that the student concentrates on learning what is taught in school at a deep level.</p> <p>We do not usually recommend that Sophomores take an official ACT or PSAT/SAT. However, the <i>summer after the sophomore year</i> is the perfect time to take a full practice test to find strengths and weaknesses.</p> <p>Plan to take a complete SAT and ACT under timed conditions at the end of Sophomore year to determine if you are on track or might need to spend the summer before your Junior year catching up on what you do not know in Math, Science, Reading and/or English; and to see if you prefer the SAT or ACT.</p> <p>We recommend that most students concentrate on <i>either</i> the SAT or ACT, but not both.)</p>
December	Semester Final Exams				
May	Semester Final Exams Possible AP tests				
Summer		Take full <i>practice test</i> in early summer.		Take full <i>practice test</i> in early summer	

JUNIOR YEAR

WHEN	AT SCHOOL	ACT	PSAT	SAT	NOTES
First Semester		ACT Prep	PSAT Prep		<p>During the sophomore year, the most important thing the student should do is focus on learning what is taught in school at a deep level.</p> <p>Do not take the official SAT or ACT until you have completed at least one semester of Algebra II.</p> <p>We suggest planning to take the ACT or SAT 3 times during the Junior year, with the goal of achieving target score by July prior to Senior year. That way, the student can focus on college applications rather than on testing.</p>
August		ACT Prep	PSAT Prep	National Test Date	
September		ACT Prep National Test Date	PSAT Prep		
October		ACT Prep National Test Date	Official PSAT/NMSQT	National Test Date	
November		ACT Prep		SAT Prep National Test Date	
December	Semester Final Exams	ACT Prep National Test Date		SAT Prep National Test Date	
January		ACT Prep		SAT Prep	
February		ACT Prep National Test Date		SAT Prep	
March		ACT Prep <i>Test offered at some schools</i>		SAT Prep National Test Date	
April		ACT Prep National Test Date			
May	Semester Final Exams; AP tests	ACT Prep		SAT Prep National Test Date	
June		ACT Prep National Test Date			
July		ACT Prep National Test Date			

SENIOR YEAR

WHEN	AT SCHOOL	ACT	PSAT	SAT	NOTES
First Semester	Work on college apps				
August				<i>National Test Date</i> (if needed)	<p>Most students do not improve on the SAT or ACT after the 3rd or 4th effort.</p> <p>We suggest planning to take the ACT or SAT 3 times during the Junior year, with the goal of achieving target score by July prior to Senior year. That way, the student can focus on college applications rather than on testing.</p>
September		<i>National Test Date</i> (if needed)			
October		<i>National Test Date</i> (if needed)		<i>National Test Date</i> (if needed)	
November	College Apps may be due			<i>National Test Date</i> (if needed)	
December	College Apps due Semester Final Exams				
February					
March					
April					
May	Semester Final Exams AP tests Graduation				