

A Suggested Plan for Standardized Tests

Grade	Test	Action	Reason
October of Grade 10 and 11	PSAT	All juniors should take the PSAT and sophomores who want practice to familiarize students with the test and format.	This is practice for the SAT. It is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Offered at RMHS. Helps to predict performances on the SAT. The scores are reported only to RMHS and you.
Late Winter/Spring Grade 11 offered at RMHS in March	SAT or ACT.	Take first round of official college entrance tests.	Important to take tests in grade 11. Many students now apply to college by Nov. 1 of senior year, and need test scores by then. Also, knowing how you test in the spring of grade 11 means you can study over the summer for round 2.
August/September Grade 12	SAT or ACT	Retake SAT or ACT	Majority of students take SAT/ACT at least two times and compare scores.
May of grades 11 and 12	Advanced Placement Tests	Always take an Advanced Placement Test in May of the year that you are studying the subject matter.	AP tests are given worldwide, so high performance on an AP test compares the student favorably to students worldwide. The student chooses to send AP scores to colleges – they are not automatically sent.
For students who have an IEP or 504 plan:			
Request for accommodations Grade 10	SAT	At the request of parents and students , the Counselor requests accommodations on the SAT during grade 10 for all students who already receive testing accommodations on an IEP or 504 plan.	Students on an IEP or 504 plan at RMHS can sometimes but not always qualify for accommodations on the SAT. The College Board has its own standards and process. RMHS submits the proper documentation to request. It is important to talk with your counselor about extended time.
Request for accommodations Grade 11	ACT	1. Family must register student for an ACT test then notify counselor they have registered.	Students on an IEP or 504 plan can sometimes but not always qualify for accommodations on the ACT. The process for

		2. Counselor then logs on to ACT website and requests accommodations.	requesting extended time on the ACT is completely different than the SAT.
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