

MINUTEMAN HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PLANNING INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS



DATES TO REMEMBER

In an effort to make sure that you are aware of upcoming events, dates, and deadlines relating to college planning for juniors, we've listed some helpful information. Please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor at 781-861-6500 if you have any questions or would like to schedule an individual appointment to discuss college planning.

SAT Registration

Register on-line at www.collegeboard.com. The high school CEEB code for Minuteman is 221191.

SAT Test Date	On-time Registration Deadline
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018

ACT Registration

Register on-line at www.act.org. the high school code for Minuteman is 221191.

ACT Test Date	On-time Registration Deadline
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018

Boston National College Fair

The National College Fair will be held at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center on April 12th and 13th, 2018. This is a great opportunity to speak to college admissions representatives from colleges all over the country.

The Guidance Website

For great college and career planning information, check out the guidance web page at www.minuteman.org and click on the "Guidance" link. To connect to many great resources, just follow the Internet links.

SAT and ACT: What's the Difference?

Admissions officers and educators often describe the difference between SAT and ACT in these terms: the ACT is a content-based test, whereas the SAT tests critical thinking and problem solving. Here are some of the factors that make the SAT and ACT very different breeds:

- The ACT includes a science reasoning test; the SAT does not.
- The ACT math section includes trigonometry.
- The ACT tests English grammar; the SAT does not.
- The SAT tests vocabulary much more than the ACT.
- The SAT has a guessing penalty; the ACT does not.

Remember, test scores from the SAT and/or ACT are important parts of your application, but they're only one of several factors. Your courses, grades, recommendations and your personal statement are all factors that colleges consider. Although the SAT is historically the test of choice for students in New England, many students now choose to take both the SAT and the ACT. Most colleges across the country accept either ACT or SAT test scores. For information on what choice might be best for you, please speak to your counselor.

College Planning Time Table for Spring and Summer

SPRING

- Start looking through at college websites and view books. Check out the guidance webpage or stop by the guidance office to look through college handbooks.
- Talk to your guidance counselor about college planning.
- Talk to your parents about your college plans and finances. Be honest! Begin visiting colleges in the area.
- Attend open house days, spring college fairs.
- Make a "long list" of 10 - 12 colleges including a couple of "long shots," some "sure bets," and some "strong possibilities." E-mail colleges to request admissions information. Begin to narrow down your list the more closely you look at the schools.
- Use April vacation for visiting colleges.
- Consider taking a spring SAT test and then another one the fall of your senior year.
- **Choose rigorous academic classes for senior year and finish your junior year with the very best grades possible!**

SUMMER

- Review college materials and make college visits, draft your college admissions essay.
- **Be ready to return to school in September with some concrete ideas of schools to which you want to apply.**