

MPH Standardized Testing Guide for Juniors

MPH recommends that Juniors take both the SAT and the ACT with the Writing Option at least once in the late winter/early Spring. Registration is done on-line by students. (www.collegeboard.com)/(www.act.org)

Taking the test in March or April can ease the testing burden in May and June and permits families to have scores in hand before their initial meeting with their college counselor in late spring. Once scores come back, students can take the test that suits them best a second time, in the late spring or early fall.

1. Decide if you must take SAT II Subject tests in May or June (many colleges do not require Subject Tests)
2. FYI, AP's are typically administered the first two full weeks of May.

As you begin this process, some helpful points to keep in mind:

- a. **Test preparation does make a difference.** The best preparation involves taking practice tests under timed conditions and reviewing your answers. There are many free and fee-based preparation options afforded by both the College Board and ACT. See their websites for details.
- b. MPH is not a testing site, except for those taking tests with approved accommodations.
- c. If a family is seeking approved testing accommodations from either or both SAT or ACT, they must meet with Sherry Eckstein now.
- d. The SAT and the ACT are about three hours and 45 minutes long. Each SAT II is one hour long. Bring snacks and water.
- e. The SAT and SAT IIs must be taken on separate days.
- f. In the fall, families are responsible for ordering Score Reports to be sent to their college list directly from the testing agencies. Scores will not be on MPH transcripts.

The Document Library in Family Connection by Naviance contains documents with details about test descriptions, dates and ACT-SAT differences.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the College Counseling Office.