

Below are some common questions that students and parents ask about testing and college:

When should students take the ACT and/or SAT? Students need to take the ACT and SAT their junior or senior year. Students must take the ACT and/or SAT if they are applying to a university. In addition, students need 2 consecutive years of a foreign language and a fine art.

What is the difference between the ACT and SAT? The ACT measure what students have learned in school. The SAT measures reasoning and verbal skills. The SAT is an aptitude test (like an IQ test).

Do students who are attending a community college need to take the ACT and/or SAT? No, only students who plan on attending a university need to take either the ACT or SAT.

Should students take the writing part of the ACT? YES! In today's world writing is a key part to most careers. Therefore, it is highly recommended that students take the writing part of the ACT.

When should students take the PSAT? Students should take the PSAT their sophomore or junior year.

What is the ASVAB? The ASVAB is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test. The test is part of the entrance requirement into the Armed Forces. The ASVAB will be administered January 8, 2013.

What are colleges looking for in a student? Colleges are looking for students that have participated in sports, clubs, show leadership qualities, and have a record of community service. Grades are only one aspect of the college admissions process.

When do students apply to college? Universities usually require applications to be submitted between February and May.

When should students apply for financial aid? All students should apply for financial aid between July 1, 2012 -June 30, 2013. FAFSA applications are online at fafsa.ed.gov. This is the ONLY website that should be used to apply for financial aid. Most colleges also have links to apply for financial aid.

When are scholarships available? Scholarships are available year round. Most scholarships become available in the spring. Mrs. Brammer will hand them out as they become available. In addition, most colleges offer their own scholarships.

What will students need in order to apply for scholarships? Students will need essays, transcripts, letters of recommendations, current gpa, and tax return information from their parents.