

A Suggested Plan for College Related Testing

Grade	Test	Action	Reason
9, 10	SAT Subject Test	If the student is receiving excellent grades in science, consult with teacher and counselor re: taking SAT subject test and consider taking the subject test in physics or chemistry	Take the test while the material is fresh. Can count as subject tests for college applications. (Only a small percentage of students, however, apply to colleges where subject tests are needed.) If a student becomes eligible to compete for a Koplik Award (free <u>tuition</u> at Mass. State colleges – eligible students are notified junior year) through MCAS testing, particular scores on two Subject Tests can satisfy the second requirement.
10	PSAT	If the student tends to be a strong test taker and hopes to compete via the PSAT for a National Merit Scholarship as a junior, take the PSAT in grade 10	Practice
October of grade 11	PSAT	All juniors should take the PSAT	This is practice for the SAT. Is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Offered at BHS. Helps predict performance on SAT. The scores are reported only to BHS and you.
Winter, grade 11	Unofficial SAT and ACT tests, online	Take unofficial SAT and ACT, or PSAT and unofficial ACT.	Compare performance and personal comfort levels. Decide which test to proceed with.
Late Winter/Spring, grade 11	SAT and perhaps 2-3 Subject Tests, 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 gr. 11 means you can study over the summer for round 2.
Summer between grades 11 and 12	SAT or ACT	Study, practice for round 2 of test taking	Many students CAN improve their scores with studying and practice. See sheet on Guidance web site, “Six Ways to Improve Your SAT or ACT Score”

Fall, grade 12	SAT or ACT	Retake SAT or ACT	Generally, scores go up slightly on a second test, even without studying
May of Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12	Advanced Placement Tests	Always take an Advance 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">For students who have an IEP or 504 plan:</p>			
Request for Extended Time. Grade 10	SAT	The Guidance Dept. automatically requests extended time on the SAT during grade 10 for all students who already receive extended time on an IEP plan or a 504 plan.	Students on an IEP or 504 plan at BHS with extended time can sometimes but not always qualify for extended time on the SAT. The College Board has its own standards and process. BHS submits the proper documentation to request.
Request for Extended Time. Winter of Grade 11	ACT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student picks up ACT extended time request form in Guidance. 2. Family fills out page 1 of form. 3. At same time, family must register student for a future ACT test. 4. Family returns filled-in form and copy of test registration to Guidance office. 5. Guidance mails in request form, test registration form, and documentation to ACT 	Students on an IEP or 504 plan at BHS with extended time can sometimes but not always qualify for extended time on the ACT. The process for requesting extended time on the ACT is completely different than that for the SAT. Generally, it is also more difficult to qualify for extended time on the ACT than for the SAT.