



Important Junior Year Information

Deer Park High School
Guidance Department

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The Deer Park High School Guidance Department is committed to helping your child with his/her college and career planning. As a Junior, your child has a busy year ahead! To help keep you informed of what's to come throughout this school year, we are providing a snapshot of important upcoming dates and events. Prior to each special event, a mailing with more detailed information will be sent home, and a Remind text will be sent.

It is our goal that every eleventh grade student enters his/her senior year with a post-secondary plan in place.

Taking advantage of the numerous events we have scheduled this year will help your child achieve that.

As always, please feel free to reach out to your child's guidance counselor to discuss any questions or concerns.

SEPTEMBER

- If you haven't already done so, please join the Guidance "Remind" for the Class of 2021 to ensure you receive important reminders throughout the school year.
- To join, text @2021dphs to 81010

OCTOBER

PSAT — Oct 16th

- The PSAT will be administered to all Juniors during the school day. PSAT Guidebooks will be distributed to students one week prior to the exam.
- In mid-January, students will receive an email from Collegeboard when PSAT scores are released. They will be directed to log on to their Collegeboard.org account to view their scores.

Financial Aid Night — Oct 10th

- Although parents/guardians cannot start the financial aid process until fall of their child's senior year, attending this evening presentation will provide an introduction to what the process will entail.

JANUARY

Junior Parent Night — Jan 10th

- All Juniors and their parents/guardians will be invited to attend this evening presentation which will provide invaluable insight into both the college admissions process and SAT/ACT preparation and testing.

FEBRUARY

SAT Registration Deadline - Feb 14th (if taking March 14th SAT exam)

- The SAT exam is a college entrance exam. Almost all 4-year colleges require a college entrance exam for admission.
- It is recommended that Juniors begin their SAT or ACT testing in the spring of the junior year. Testing early allows students time to retest if necessary.
- Students must register themselves to take the SAT exam by visiting www.collegeboard.org
- SAT dates and registration deadlines are listed on the back of this letter.
- Preparing for this exam is important! There are several ways students can prepare listed on the back of this letter.

ACT Registration Deadline - Feb 28th (if taking April 4th ACT exam)

- Like the SAT, the ACT exam is also a college entrance exam. Most colleges will accept either exam, and will take whichever score is higher. Many students choose to try both exams, and then repeat the exam on which they earned a higher score.
- Students must register themselves to take the ACT exam by visiting www.act.org
- ACT dates and registration deadlines are listed on the back of this letter.

MARCH

SAT/ACT Information Session & College Fair — Mar 23rd

- Parents/Guardians and students will be invited to attend this evening SAT/ACT presentation by Method Test Prep. Strategies and tips for maximizing SAT/ACT scores will be discussed.
- Directly following the SAT/ACT presentation will be Deer Park High School's Annual College Fair, where representatives from over 100 colleges and universities will be available to answer questions and provide college specific information.

★ Junior Conferences - Spring

- Beginning in the spring, parents/guardians and students will be invited to schedule a Junior Conference meeting with the student's guidance counselor during the school day.
- This is an individualized meeting in which post secondary planning will be discussed in detail.

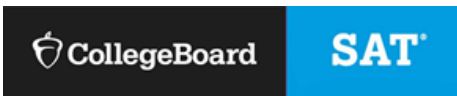


Guidance Remind

Keep yourself in the know
with Remind texts from the
Guidance Department.

Text @2021dphs to 81010

SAT/ACT Dates, Registration Deadlines & Fees



To register for the SAT exam, visit www.collegeboard.org

- Cost of SAT — \$49.50
- Cost of SAT with Essay — \$64.50

As some colleges require the SAT with Essay, it is recommended to take it with the optional essay once.

To register for the ACT exam, visit www.act.org

- Cost of ACT — \$50.50
- Cost of ACT with Writing — \$67.00

As some colleges require the ACT with Writing, it is recommended to take it with the optional essay once.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 5, 2019	September 6, 2019
November 2, 2019 *	October 3, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020
May 2, 2020 *	April 3, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020

* Deer Park High School is a test center for this exam date. If taking another exam date, student will test at a neighboring school district.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020
June 13, 2020 *	May 8, 2020

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Preparing for the SAT or ACT

There are many different ways a student can prepare for taking college entrance exams. Students differ in their preferred study style and can choose the method(s) that will work best for them.

Some options are:

- Buy an Official Study Guide book (approx. \$25 on Amazon) — these books are excellent resources for students studying on their own.
- Castle Learning: Method Test Prep 20-hour online courses — Each student has free access to Method Test Prep's online SAT and ACT prep courses found in their Castle Learning account.
- Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org) — free online prep for SAT only. Students can link their PSAT scores to get individualized online prep.
- Method Test Prep evening prep classes (approx. \$250 for 8 sessions) — Method Test Prep will be running several SAT & ACT prep classes held at the high school leading up to specific exam dates in the spring. Please check your mail for more detailed information to follow throughout the school year.