

## Standardized Testing Information for DLs

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:

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### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Sophomores should be encouraged to consider taking the PSAT in October. They will be sent information but need to sign up in the college counseling office. There are a handful of 10<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled in advanced courses who should consider taking SAT-IIs. Refer to the list below and/or consult with a college counselor.

### 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grades:

- **PSATs** are required in October of the junior year; we register juniors automatically. This is also the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship competition.
- Students need to **register** for other tests on their own, either through our office, by phone or on-line.
- Students who receive **extended time** need to complete an additional form in our office well in advance of any testing. If they are under 18, their parents also need to sign the additional form.
- **SAT-Is**: Most students take them 2-3 times during the course of junior/senior years.
- **SAT-IIs**: Some colleges require Subject Tests (usually three); we recommend the Writing, Math IC or IIC, and a third subject (science, history or language). [n.b.: This will change once the Writing test is eliminated later this year; some colleges will still require three subject tests, so many students may take the Literature test instead of Writing.]
- SAT-Is and IIs are offered on the same days; students can take **EITHER** Is or IIs on any given test date.
- **ACTs** are an alternative to the SATs that students should be encouraged to consider. It can be very helpful for students to have an ACT score, particularly if they did not score as well as expected on the SATs. If they don't do well on the ACT, they do not have to submit it anywhere, so there's no risk in taking the test.
- Non-native speakers need to take the **TOEFL**. We sponsor trips to a test center a few times a year, but it is more convenient for most students to schedule the test on their own during breaks or over the summer.

### **Testing Calendar:**

January	SAT-I/II
March/April	SAT-I only
April	ACT
May	SAT-I/II; possible date for SAT-IIs related to winter term classes.
June	SAT-I/II; good date for SAT-IIs related to spring term classes.
October	SAT-I/II; most seniors take SAT-I ACT
November	SAT-I/II; many seniors take SAT-II; *only date for Language w/ Listening
December	SAT-I/II; good date for SAT-IIs related to fall term classes. ACT

### **SAT-II Subject Test**

U.S. History  
Writing or Literature  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
French, German, Spanish or Latin  
Math level IC  
Math level IIC

### **NMH Course(s)**

AP US History  
Junior, Senior or PG English  
AP Bio  
Chem II or AP Chem  
Physics II or AP Physics  
4<sup>th</sup> year of language (or higher)  
Algebra II  
Precalculus or higher