

## THE WEBB SCHOOLS COLLEGE GUIDANCE PROGRAM

### TIMETABLE FOR PSAT, SAT I, SAT II, & ACT

- FRESHMAN YEAR**            No tests should be taken this year!
- SOPHOMORE YEAR**        Fall Semester – October PSAT  
(This practice PSAT test is mandatory for all Sophomores)
- Spring Semester – June SAT II in specific subjects if recommended and approved by your teacher(s) and the Director of College Guidance.
- No other tests should be taken during the Spring Semester of Sophomore year without the approval of the Director of College Guidance.
- JUNIOR YEAR**                Fall Semester – October PSAT (Mandatory for all Juniors; this is the qualifying test for National Merit Scholarships)
- No other test should be taken during the Fall Semester of the Junior year without the approval of the Director of College Guidance.
- Spring Semester – The SAT with Essay or ACT exam should be taken in the spring of Junior year.
- SPECIAL NOTE: SAT IIs SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN YOUR TEACHER IN THAT SUBJECT ADVISES YOU TO DO SO. CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHER FIRST.**
- The SAT II in Math should be taken any time after you have taken Pre Calculus or in May of your Junior year.
  - SAT II in Physics should be taken as you are finishing Physics, not any earlier.
  - SAT II in Chemistry should be taken as you are finishing Chemistry, not any earlier.
  - SAT II in History should be taken in May or June of your Junior year, not any earlier.

- SAT II in Foreign Language should be taken in May or June of your Junior year, not any earlier.
- SAT II in Biology should be taken in May or June of your Junior year, not any earlier.

## SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester - SAT with Essay can be taken in August, October, November, or December if you are applying to college regular admission (not Early Decision or Early Action). ACT (with Writing) can also be taken in the fall semester if student wishes to take it along with or in place of the SAT.

SAT with Essay should be taken in August or October if you are applying Early Decision or Early Action to any college. ACT (with Writing) can also be taken before November for EA or ED if student wishes to take this exam along with or in place of the SAT.

SAT II can be taken in October, November, or December. It is recommended that you take the SAT II in November or December. If you are required to have any SAT II subject tests for your EA or ED college, you should plan to take these exams in spring of junior year.

International students must take a TOEFL exam by December of their senior year for college admissions.

REMEMBER – Colleges require the SAT or ACT (with Writing) and some colleges (like the Ivy League, Wellesley, Georgetown, MIT and Cal Tech) require the SAT II Subject Tests in Math Level 2 and two electives of your choice (choose wisely).

**The SAT with Essay exam should be taken no more than 3 times and the SAT II Subject Tests should be taken no more than 2 times each. The ACT (with Writing) should be taken no more than 3 times.**

The ACT Exam (with Writing) can be taken in place of the SAT at any time. Colleges will accept both the SAT or the ACT (with Writing). It is recommended that you always take an ACT test if your SAT score is below average for college bound students. However, it is best if you check with the College Guidance Office about which exam might be better for you.

**The Webb Schools offer the SAT and SAT II tests on our campus in October and November of the Fall Semester and in March and May of the Spring Semester. ACT would need to be taken off campus (Claremont and Upland H.S. offer it locally).**

It is in your best interest to follow the above recommended test dates. While the majority of colleges will take your highest test scores, **it is important to take all tests seriously because all of your scores can be seen by the colleges and some colleges require that you submit all scores!**

If you plan to take an SAT/ACT Prep Class it is best if you wait until your Junior year or take a Prep Class in the summer before your Junior or Senior year. Because of the workload and after-class commitments at Webb it will be difficult to fit in a Prep Class after school, so we recommend that if you think you need to take a Prep Class you plan ahead. The College Guidance Office has prep tutors/programs that they can refer you to for both on campus (for boarding and day students) and off campus (for day students only).

REMEMBER – All of these exams are important – but your scores are not the most important thing you send to your colleges. The most important thing is your Webb Transcript. Do the very best you can while at Webb and you will do very well with your college choices.