

Testing & Data

NEWSLETTER

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2nd Semester Edition



Preparing Your Student to Go Back-to-School After Winter Break

It is January, which means returning to school after a winter vacation. Because the months between winter and spring breaks have fewer interruptions, students can feel like there is no end in sight to the seemingly lengthy school week, all this is heightened by the loosened reins on TV, computer, and other media.

It's easy for students to become night owls. Both of these habits can make the first couple of weeks back to school challenging, even for the most motivated students. Easing back into a normal pre-break schedule would be a huge benefit as we start the new semester.

Remember some basics to pass on to your student

- Get Organized for the New Semester Classes or remind them to clean out last semesters folders. It's a new semester, new year, help them start with a clean slate.
- Remind them that a **good** breakfast is important to fuel the brain and body
- Check in on the Skyward parent portal regularly.
- Shine extra light on the positives in your students academic life.

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Oh Weather



PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL CLOSING AND/OR DELAYS

The decision to close the school and engage in a virtual-synchronous eLearning day or altered school day is made after collaborating with multiple district personnel, local, and state departments, and agencies, including law enforcement, national weather service, highway/street departments, and transportation.

These decisions are made as early as possible. In some instances, school cancellation may follow a two-hour delay.

Please click this link for full details on the Duneland weather procedure and notification process.

<https://www.duneland.k12.in.us/domain/39>



WHAT IF THE SAT SCHOOL DAY IS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER?

The SAT School Day Exam is March 1st. We all know that our Northwest Indiana weather can be unpredictable. However, even though exam cancellations due to extreme weather are a relatively rare occurrence, they do happen.

If for some reason testing is cancelled, all attempts to reschedule this exam event will be made through the Indiana Board of Education and the College Board.

Helpful Weather Related Info & Links

RADIO:

- WAKE 1500 AM
- Indiana 105.5 FM
- WEFM 95.9 FM
- WDSO 88.3 FM
- WGN Radio 720
- WBBM Newradio 780

LOCAL TV CHANNELS:

- Channel 2
- Channel 5
- Channel 7
- Channel 9
- Channel 32

WEBSITES:

- www.duneland.k12.in.us
- www.cancellations.com
- www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/

PSAT Scores are Available



Where do we find them?

Your student should have created a *personal account* at the College Board Web Site. To view their scores, have your Student "Sign In" at the [College Board Site](#).
If your student can NOT remember their Account Password, please DO NOT create a Second Account. Instead have them Click "Reset Password" and follow the instructions.



Once they Sign in they can Explore:

- **CAREERS:** Explore careers that your student is passionate about on [BigFuture](#) by taking the [Career Quiz](#) and learning how their test performance aligns to 1,000's of occupations with The College Board's *Career Readiness Indicator*.
- **COLLEGES:** Search over 3,000 college profiles on [BigFuture](#) to discover which colleges and programs are right for your student. Filter by location, major, and more.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Use PSAT/NMSQT scores to access scholarships from the [National Merit Scholarship Corporation BigFuture Scholarships](#) and [thousand of other scholarship opportunities](#).
- **SAT PRACTICE:** Send scores to [Khan Academy](#) for a free and personalized SAT practice plan based on your student's test results.

Understanding Score Reports?

The higher the percentile, the more students your student scored higher than. Scoring above the 50th percentile means your student did better than a majority of test-takers. A "good" score then, would probably be somewhere in the 75th percentile or higher.

PSAT score percentiles change slightly each year depending on the testing class.

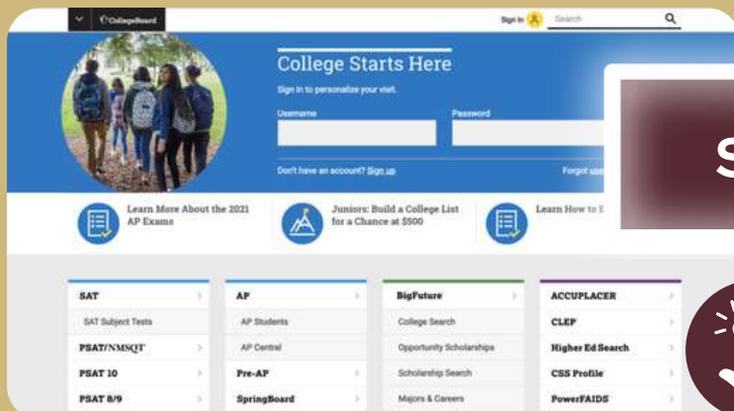
How Do I Know if My Student's Score is Good?

The average PSAT/NMSQT score is about 920. A score between 1210 and 1520 puts your student in the top 10% of all test takers. The PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are very similar tests. So, your student's score on the PSAT/NMSQT can give you an idea of how they will do on the SAT in March.

Understanding Your PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report



Check out this short video



Score Report Portal?



Ways Parents Can Help Their Child Prepare for the SAT

- **Be A Study Buddy**

Although your child might be "super motivated" to do well on the SAT, it can be challenging for your child to study on their own. This is where you come in, as a *patient*, and *supportive*, in-house *study buddy*. These are qualities not always found in friends or classmates. For example, you can go over common [SAT vocabulary words](#), or, check the accuracy of a math problem. Your support in these activities will be of tremendous value to your child and a bonding experience for both of you.

- **Provide a Selection of Texts to Read**

One of the more challenging parts of the SAT is the [reading comprehension section](#), which requires a student to read different types of texts and understand the vocabulary within them, as well as the test's arguments, main ideas, themes, and writing style. To help prepare for the reading section, consider helping them find and parse through the assortment of different types of writing. The SAT will ask them to answer questions on each passage or, a set of paired passages. One or more of these passages might be accompanied by a graphic, chart, bar graph, or scatterplot. These passages will often ask data interpretation questions that relate to the graph.

- **Find Worthwhile Study Tools**

While it is up to your child to actually do all of the studying, you can help by selecting which study tools should be used. There are many [free online resources](#) that can be used to help your child prepare. Another Great free online source is [schoolhouse.world](#). CHS also offers a [PSAT/SAT Prep Club](#) with Mr. Ward they meet every Wednesday after school.

- **Hire a Tutor**

In the past, CHS has partnered with SAT prep companies to help students get ready for this important exam. When these offerings become available they are posted in the student announcements, and generally as part of Mr. Martinson's "Believe & Achieve Times".

- **Keep a Schedule**

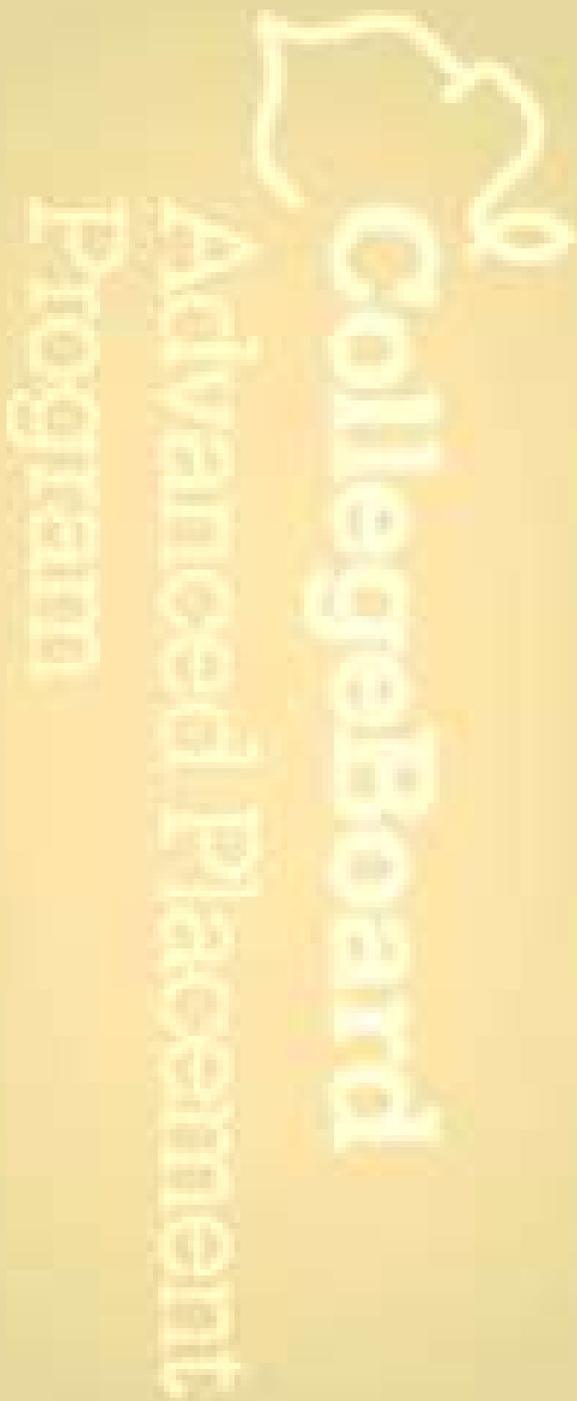
It's easy to get overwhelmed when preparing for the SAT. One effective way for parents to support their child is to help them keep track of their SAT prep study and practice schedules. While it is ultimately the students responsibility to handle their time management, this is a learned skill that can initially be daunting. Patient and consistent parental encouragement will prove to be immensely beneficial to the student's academic success.

The SAT School Day is not only a Graduation Pathway

- It is FREE
- It is given during the School Day - no giving up a Saturday to travel to a test site
- Your student can send 4 SAT scores Free to college of their choice
(this is done during our pre-administration process only)
- This exam is given in the digital format

Offer Emotional Support

The final, and perhaps most important, thing you can do during the SAT preparation process is just be there, This time of year can be a stressful, overwhelming time for adolescents, and sometimes they just need somebody to listen and talk to or a shoulder to cry on.



What are AP Classes?

The AP program is run by the College Board and allows your student to take special high school courses that can earn your student college credit for when they begin college.

These Courses are designed to give your student the experience of an intro-level college class while they are still in high school.

What exactly are AP Exams?

The AP exam is a test of all that your student has learned in their AP class. These classes typically allow your student to earn college credit if they pass the AP exam that is given at the end of the school year in May.

Demystifying AP Exam Fees

The Indiana Department Of Education subsidizes exam fees for S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, English, Math) courses.

However, the following courses offered at CHS Do HAVE exam fees that are due in order to have an exam ordered for your student

- AP Art History
- AP World History: Modern
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Psychology
- AP U.S. History

IMPORTANT:

If an exam has been ordered for your student but they DO NOT take the exam the college board charges a \$40.00 unused/canceled exam fee this fee will be passed on to you. The College Board only allows a few exceptions to this unused exam fee policy.

Illness is not one of those exceptions.

If you have any questions please contact the Data & Testing Department

Reminder:

AP exam fees are NOT included in your students class fees

[Click here to Pay un-subsidized AP Exam Fees](#)



Knowledge Assessment for IVY Tech Dual Credit

**Making sure Your Student gets the Dual Credit
They are Working so Hard for:**



Step 1: Dual Credit Registration

Before you can enroll in any dual credit course through Ivy Tech at CHS, you need to register and get a college number (C number). To register with our dual credit partner please click the link below. If you need help, please watch the video below with instructions on how to complete the registration process.

[Step 1 Video](#)



Step 2: Have Your Student Set Up "MY IVY" Account

After you receive your C number (this may take up to 24 hours), you can set up your MyIvy Account at the following website:

[Step 2 Video](#)

<https://myivy.ivytech.edu/>



Step 3: Make sure Your Student Takes the Knowledge Assessment

To show that students are college ready, they will need to take two Knowledge Assessment (KA) exams. One is KA English and KA STEM/Math. Students will need to achieve a score of 70 or higher to demonstrate readiness.

[Step 3 Video](#)

If a student does not achieve a 70 or higher on their first attempt they will be provided mastery tasks to complete until their score reaches the 70 threshold. Once a student has reached the mastery threshold they are ready to take almost all the courses CHS has to offer through Ivy Tech!

CHS Course #	Dual Credit CHS Courses	Institution	College Course	College Course Name	Cost
Business					
B35310	Business Law & Ethics 1	Ivy Tech	BUSN 201	Business Law	Free
B35550	Personal Financial Responsibility	Ivy Tech	BUSN 108	Personal Finance	Free
B25000	Principles of Business Management	Ivy Tech	BUSN 101	Introduction to Business	Free
B35650	Marketing Fundamentals	Ivy Tech	MKTG 101	Principles of Marketing	Free
English					
E01420	Advanced Composition	Ivy Tech	ENG 111	English Composition	Free
E01415	World Literature 1	Ivy Tech	ENG 220	World Literature I	Free
E01416	World Literature 2	Ivy Tech	ENG 221	World Literature II	Free
E01417	Rhetoric & Argument	Ivy Tech	ENG 215	Rhetoric & Argument	Free
Industrial Tech					
I57005	Introduction to Engineering and Design	Ivy Tech	DESN 101	Introduction to Design Technology	Free
I57006	Principles of Engineering	Ivy Tech	PLTW:DESN 104	Mechanical Graphics	Free
I57530	Principles of Precision Machining	Ivy Tech	MTTC 101	Introduction to Machining	Free
I57520	Precision Machining Fundamentals	Ivy Tech	MTTC 103	Milling Processes I	Free
I57520	Precision Machining Fundamentals	Ivy Tech	MTTC 102	Turning Processes II	Free
Math					
M04920	Pre Cal/Trig	Ivy Tech	MATH 137	Trigonometry with Analytic Geometry	Free
M04900	Pre Cal/Trig H	Ivy Tech	MATH 137	Trigonometry with Analytic Geometry	Free
M04620	College Algebra II	Ivy Tech	MATH 136	College Algebra	Free
M04600	College Algebra II H	Ivy Tech	MATH 136	College Algebra	Free
M04865	Finite Math	Ivy Tech	MATH 135	Finite Math	Free
M04860	Finite Math H	Ivy Tech	MATH 135	Finite Math	Free
M04810	Quantitative Reasoning	Ivy Tech	MATH 123	Quantitative Reasoning	Free
M04950	AP Calculus AB	Ivy Tech	MATH 211	Calculus I	Free
Science					
C03050	AP Biology 2	Ivy Tech	BIOL 105	Biology I - Molecular and Cellular Process	Free
C03230	Chemistry 2	Ivy Tech	CHEM 101	Introductory Chemistry I	Free
C03235	AP Chemistry	Ivy Tech	CHEM 105	General Chemistry I	Free
C03110	Earth & Space Science	Ivy Tech	SCIN 100	Earth Science	Free
Social Studies					
U02120	US History	Ivy Tech	HIST 101 HIST 102	Survey of American History I Survey of American History II	Free
U02110	US History H	Ivy Tech	HIST 101 HIST 102	Survey of American History I Survey of American History II	Free
U02310	Government H	Ivy Tech	POLS 101	Intro to American Government and Politics	Free
U02100	AP US History	Ivy Tech	HIST 101 HIST 102	Survey of American History I Survey of American History II	Free
U02490	AP Psychology	Ivy Tech	PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	Free
U02419	AP Micro	PNW	ECON 251	Microeconomics	\$75
U02418	AP Macro	PNW	ECON 252	Macroeconomics	\$75
World Language					
F09050	French 3	Ivy Tech	FREN 101	French Level I	Free
F09070	French 4	Ivy Tech	FREN 102 FREN 201	French Level II French Level III	Free
F09090	French 5	Ivy Tech	FREN 202	French Level IV	Free
F09150	German 3	Ivy Tech	GERM 101	German Level I	Free
F09170	German 4	Ivy Tech	GERM 102 GERM 201	German Level II German Level III	Free
F09180	German 5	Ivy Tech	GERM 202	German Level IV	Free
F09250	Spanish 3	Ivy Tech	SPAN 101	Spanish Level I	Free
F09270	Spanish 4	Ivy Tech	SPAN 102 SPAN 201	Spanish Level II Spanish Level III	Free
F09280	Spanish 5	Ivy Tech	SPAN 202	Spanish Level IV	Free



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Standardized Testing Calendar

PSAT (Paper & Pencil)

October 12, 2022

PSAT/NMSQT (Cohort 2024 & 2025)
PSAT 8/9 (Cohort 2026)

ASVAB (Paper & Pencil)

October 26, 2022

March 18, 2023

Seniors without Graduation Pathway
Select Students from the 2023 & 2024 Cohort

SAT School Day – (Online) • Juniors ONLY

March 1, 2023

ILEARN (Online) -Biology 1 • Students ONLY

April 17th to May 19th, 2023

Government Naturalization Exam • senior Gov students ONLY

End of 1st Semester - Scores posted in the CHS Website under the testing section

End of 2nd Semester

AP Exams Week 1

May 1, 2023	PM – Chemistry
May 2	AM - Environmental Science PM – Psychology
May 3	AM - English Lit & Comp
May 4	AM - Human Geography PM - Statistics
AM – Macroeconomics
May 5.....	AM – United State History PM – Art History
 PM – Microeconomics

AP Exams Week 2

May 8	AM – Calculus AB PM – Computer Science Principles
AM – Calculus BC
May 9	AM – English Lang & Comp PM – Physics C: Mechanics
May 10.....	PM – Biology
May 11.....	AM – World History: Modern PM – Physics 1: Algebra-Based
May 12	PM – Physics 2: Algebra-Based



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