

## **\*Standardized Testing**

**PSAT:** The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude test is a practice test for the SAT, and the PreACT is a practice test for the ACT. Freshman will take the 8/9 PSAT and juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT in October, and sophomores will take the PreACT in October and the PSAT 10 in March. The PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken junior year is used to identify top scholars in the country who may receive merit scholarships.

**SAT:** The SAT is usually taken in the spring of junior year and again in the fall of senior year, but is typically offered seven times annually and can be taken more than twice if desired. On the current SAT, the score is based out of 1600, 200-800 for Math, and 200-800 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. An optional essay will receive a separate score and is required by some colleges. Information about the SAT, registration and test dates can be accessed through the College Board link on Naviance.

**SAT II (subject tests):** The SAT Subject Tests cover special academic areas (i.e. math, English, chemistry) and can be taken at any time, but typically junior or senior year. Check a college's website to see if they require SAT II tests for admission.

**ACT:** The ACT is accepted by all four-year colleges and can also be taken for college admission in addition to or instead of the SAT. It is an achievement multiple-choice test divided into four parts: English, math, reading, and science. The scores range from 0 to 36. An optional writing component may be required by some schools. Information about the ACT, registration and test dates can be accessed through the ACT link on Naviance.

**AP:** Advanced Placement Tests are taken after a student has completed an Advanced Placement course in a specific academic area. AP exams are administered in May at SBA and cost \$92. Students can earn college credit and/or advanced standing in college based on their scores from 1 to 5.