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# *Counselor's Information*

## Mark Your Calendars

- Feb 17 No School President's Day
- Mar 13 Incoming Freshman (2025-2026)  
Registration- 6:00pm @ MCHS auditorium
- Mar 14 End of 3rd qtr.

## Juniors—Prepare for the ACT

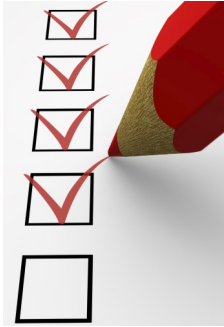
With all the scholarships available with national testing, it is highly recommended that juniors prepare for the ACT. The following is a list of suggestions for juniors as they prepare to take the ACT.

1. Use free online ACT practice at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
2. Contact the local library for additional ACT study materials.
3. Ask the high school librarian to order ACT study materials through the inter loan library system.
4. Take an ACT prep class.

## Freshman Registration for Current 8th Graders

Freshman Registration for current 8th graders will be held on Thursday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Registration packets will be handed out during this orientation. Reminders will be sent out via email and on our social media platforms.

# Juniors



*Please stop by the counselor's office with any questions or concerns you may have about Post-Secondary plans.*

## Juniors Research Post-Secondary Plans

During the month of February juniors are encouraged to discuss and research post-secondary options with their parents. Parents are asked to help students narrow the post-secondary selection to three schools by August of 2025. Please note the following suggestions to help with the post secondary search.

1. Take a career interest inventory on-line.
2. Research post-secondary schools on-line for chosen career fields.
3. Arrange post-secondary visits with schools of interest.
4. Compile a list of local scholarships & collect applications to review scholarship criteria.
5. Meet with college representatives in February, March, & April as they visit Mercer County High School.

## 2025 Graduates Post-Secondary Up-date

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) as soon as possible.
2. Seniors should collect scholarship recommendations from teachers and community members by the second week in February.
3. Since housing will be limited at most colleges, seniors should notify colleges early in February and state their plans. Students should then make a housing deposit in about four to six weeks.
4. Seniors planning to enter the workforce immediately after high school should be completing job applications.
5. Most colleges will allow seniors to take the ACT/SAT on campus, with the understanding that the ACT/SAT scores are only valid at that school. Seniors may take advantage of this opportunity to raise ACT/SAT scores so they are eligible for scholarships at that college.
6. Seniors are encouraged to stop by the counselor's office for help in developing a post-secondary plan for next fall.
7. Parents are encouraged to call the counselor's office if they have any questions concerning their students post-secondary plans. (Phone: 582-2223 Ext 1)
8. Parents/students are encouraged to visit the following web sites: [www.isac.org](http://www.isac.org) & [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).



**\*\*Seniors ~ Don't forget to check our Scholarship page at**

**[mercerschools.org](http://mercerschools.org)!! We update the links as Scholarships arrive!!!**

# ACT Test Dates ACT Plus Writing

ACT No Writing—\$69.00

ACT Plus Writing—\$94.00



The following ACT test dates are available for all high school students who wish to take the test:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Required</u>
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26
July 12, 2025	June 6	June 20

Students may register on-line at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) and use a credit card for payment. REMEMBER to include Mercer County High School's code 140008 on the registration information so the school has your ACT scores for your transcript. Keep in mind that the ACT can be taken multiple times & colleges do not care if scores go down on retakes. Colleges will not pull the highest scores from multiple dates but do take the highest scores from one single test date regardless of the number of times the test has been taken. \*\*Fee waivers are available if you qualify.




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# SAT Test Dates — SAT.org

SAT No Essay—\$68

(late fee required—\$34)



The following SAT test dates are available for school students who wish to take the test. note the SAT will be given here at the high school in April to all Juniors.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 27, 2025

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