

To RCHS Parents
Standardized Testing for RCHS Students 2016-2017

Cooper High School Code Number is: **241-597**

Fall of 11th GRADE:

PSAT/NMSQT Test

COST: \$16.00

TEST DATE: October 19, 2016

(Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholastic Qualifying Test). It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT Reasoning Test. All juniors are welcome to take this test. Because this is a National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, **academically superior juniors are encouraged to take the test**. Those juniors in each state whose combined verbal, math, and writing scores rank at the 99 percentile qualify for the next level of the National Merit competition. Those who rank in the 98 percentile down to 96 percentile receive a commendation, but do not continue in the Merit competition. This test is also for juniors who want to compete in the special scholarship programs for African American students. Academically superior sophomores may want to take the **PSAT** for practice; however, only **PSAT** scores taken in the junior year qualify for the National Merit Programs.

*Students with an IEP or 504 plan who want to request accommodations should talk with their child's counselor or case manager before Aug. 29th, 2016.

REGISTRATION: College & Career Center at Cooper; **September 14-21**

Spring of 11th GRADE:

ACT Test with Writing

COST: \$56.50
(subject to change)

TEST DATES: Saturdays 9/10/16, 10/22/16, 12/10/16, 2/11/17, 4/08/17, and 6/10/17 at various sites

This test is recommended for **college bound juniors** to take **at the end of 11th grade** or seniors in the fall of 12th grade. The ACT test is requested by most public universities in the Midwest and is accepted at all colleges and universities across the nation. This three and a half hour test includes Science, Reading, Math, English and Writing. Colleges will accept scores from the writing test even if they do not require the test.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Registration deadlines are usually 5-6 weeks before the test date.

REGISTER ON-LINE AT: www.act.org

Make sure you register for: **ACT plus writing - your 1st time taking it**

*The ACT test will be given FREE to all juniors on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 here at Cooper.
Registration will be completed in their advisory class.

Spring of 11th GRADE:

SAT I Reasoning Test

COST: \$54.50
(subject to change)

TEST DATES: Saturdays 10/01/16, 11/05/16, 12/03/16, 1/21/17, 3/11/17, 5/06/17, and 6/03/17 at various sites

(Scholastic Assessment Test, sponsored by the College Board) This test is intended for **juniors at the end of 11th grade** or seniors in the fall of 12th grade. A few highly selective colleges prefer the SAT over the ACT. Testing time is approximately 3 hours and 45 minutes in length and is split between the Verbal/Reading section, Math section, and the writing section.

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REGISTER ON-LINE AT: www.collegeboard.com

Spring of 11th GRADE:

SAT II – Subject Tests

COST: Varies

TEST DATES: Saturdays 10/01/16, 11/05/16, 12/03/16, 1/21/17, 5/06/17, and 6/03/17 at various sites

(Subject Specific Tests, sponsored by the College Board) is recommended **for juniors at the end of 11th grade** or seniors in the fall of 12th grade who are applying to highly selective colleges. These colleges may request or require two or three subject tests. Check with the college. Tests are available in 20 subjects. Each is a one-hour multiple-choice test. Students **DO NOT** have time to take the SAT I and SAT II Subject tests on the same day, but may take up to three subject tests at one time.

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College Credit Tests

COST: \$43.00

9th and 10th grade

AP (Advance Placement Tests)

The Advance Placement Program, sponsored by the College Board, is a National Program offering students the opportunity to take college level courses and demonstrate their knowledge of the subject on a final test given during the first two weeks of May. Although each college determines its own policy for Advanced Placement tests, most colleges give advanced placement for scores of 3 or better and also give college credits for scores of 4 or 5. The tests are scored on a 1-5 scale.

9th grade – AP Geography

10th grade – AP US History

REGISTRATION: March 2017

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IB Exams (International Baccalaureate Program Exams)

COST: \$43.00

(per exam)

Students taking IB courses in 11th and 12th grade are invited to sit for May exams. Scores ranging from 1-7 are based on these exams and other work which is done in the classroom during the school year. Exams are sent to graders located all around the globe, to be evaluated along with other students taking IB exams in other parts of the US and the world. Scores of 4 or higher can earn college credit and can also demonstrate academic ability in the college application process.

REGISTRATION: IB office at Cooper - October 10, 2016