

# Welcome Parents!

Class of 2026

### **How do we share this information?**

- Schoology Group for the Class of 2026
- Group presentations in the fall via senior English classes
- Individual meetings with students/counselors
- Guidance Website! (Under "departments" on the DVHS website)

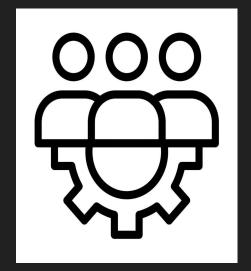


#### Making future plans!

- Workforce
- Military
- College or Technical School



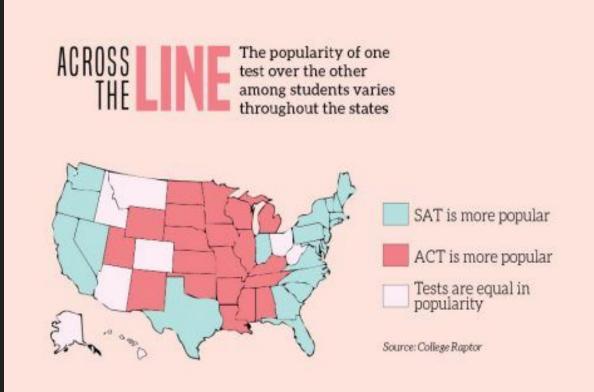




#### Preparing for Education after High School

SAT test

**ACT Test** 



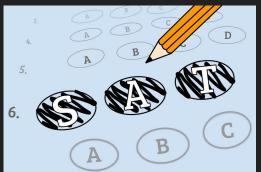
### <u>SATs</u>

Cost: \$68 unless qualified for a waiver (see counselor)

Upcoming dates: May 3, June 7, August 23, September 13, October 4th (at DV)

To register for the SAT test, go to:

collegeboard.org



#### **SCHOOL CODE: 392635**

Test Center

**Upload Photo** 

Payment options



4 FREE Score Reports

# How to prepare for the SATs

- Take practice tests through collegeboard.org (personalized based on PSAT performance)
- Download the Daily Practice App for the New SAT
- Personalized SAT practice on Khan Academy
- Keep up on Junior year curriculum

# **SAT Test Structure**

Evidence - Based Reading and Writing

64 minutes

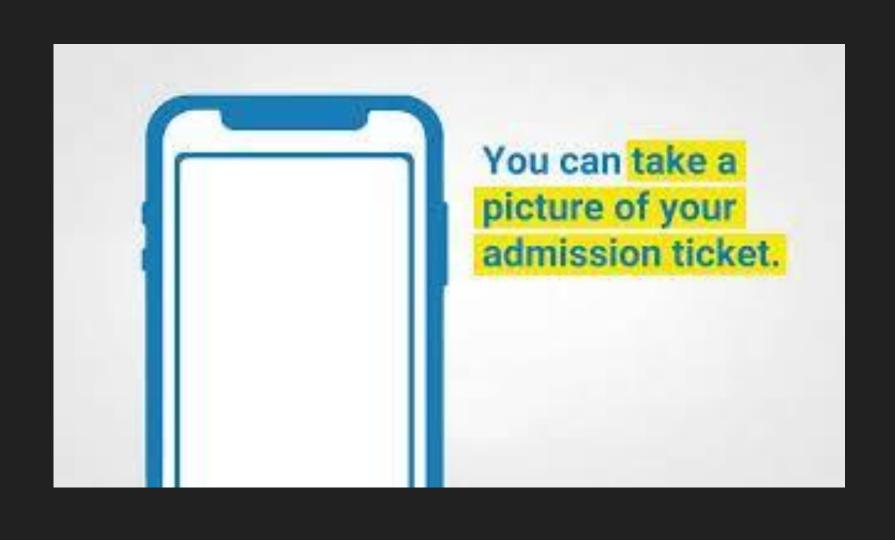
Score between 200-800



**Mathematics** 

70 minutes

Score between 200-800



#### Check out this part of the website for information!

#### Information

- + College Application Process
- > College Fairs and Open Houses
- > Juniors
- > Seniors
- > Career Day
- Scholarships and Financial Aid
- + Keystone and AP Exam Information
- > Extra Curricular Activities
- + Mental Health Resources
- Transcript Requests (for graduates)

counselor any questions you may have.

Junior Parent Night Presentation

Junior Parent Night handout

SAT Scoring video

Junior Year Timeline

College Research Resources for Building a College List

College Searching Guide

Register for the SATs

Register for the ACTs

\*Yes, many colleges and universities are still "test optional". However, it is wise to have at least one set of test scores under your belt if it helps bolster your application. Keep in mind, while a school may be test





#### STUDENT ATHLETES

Register with the NCAA clearinghouse

Academics matter too!

Communicate with coach regarding athletics and counselor regarding the academic eligibility



# Terms to Know!

- Early Decision
- Early Action
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission
- Open Admission
- Wait List



#### THE COMMON APP

Common App/Naviance Account Matching - In order to match your Naviance and Common App accounts, you need to do the following:

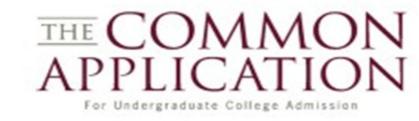
STEP 1: Create a Common App account at commonapp.org

**STEP 2:** Sign the Common App FERPA Waiver & Authorization as part of the application

**NOTE:** To avoid issues with matching, be consistent and careful when entering identifying information on your Common App (DOB and full legal name)

\*Not every school uses it

\*Officially opens August 1





- Sign on to Naviance Do this first! Password given in guidance
- Follow the specific directions: our handout (also on webpage and Schoology group) OR watch our Naviance tutorial video
  - Watch your deadlines!
- Use Naviance to request: Transcripts, Mid-year reports, Final transcripts
- Please note: Naviance is NOT for applying it is for securely sending your supporting documents

# A Completed Application: Must include....

- The actual application via Common App OR directly through the school's admissions website. You need to indicate which one in Naviance
- Transcript request through Naviance please don't just ask us to send a transcript
  - All **letters of recommendation** through Naviance
    - Essay IF NEEDED
      - Payment
- Send official score report to the college directly from the testing entity (SAT/ACT)
- If a music conservatory audition is required. Communicate with your music teacher to help prepare!

# Your transcript includes:

- Your class rank
- The class of 2026: 270 students ranked
  - Your cumulative GPA on a weighted 4.0 scale
  - Historical Grade Listing of 9th through 12th grade completed courses

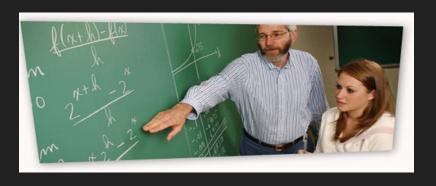
\*Does not include SAT scores



# **College Visits**

- Spring/Fall open houses
- Be prompt
- Tour Campus
- Ask all the questions
- Ask about financial aid
- Visit everything!
- Excused absences
- Visit as much as many as you can to get a feel for if it's truly the place for you!





# **CAMPUS TOUR**

#### Check out:

Sports facilities

Library Dining Hall

Residence Halls Labs

Computer Centers Surrounding community

Office of Disability Services

#### COLLEGE VISITS DURING the SCHOOL YEAR

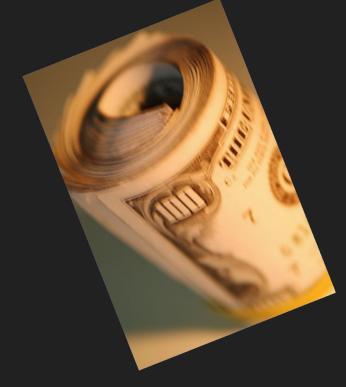


- Bring a note in or send email to counselor AHEAD of time to be excused
- Check out colleges in the cafeteria
- PACAC Virtual College Fairs
- College fair in school for Junior and Senior students only

### **PAYING FOR COLLEGE**

#### TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

- Scholarships (via institution, local, searches)
- Grants
- Loans
- Work Grants & Work Study Programs



**DVHS Financial Aid Night!** 

October 9th at 6pm

# <u>Local Scholarships</u>

Spring of senior year students will receive a complete listing of all our local scholarships (Mrs. Thompson in guidance)

It is the student's responsibility to get the applications in on time

Regularly check out the Guidance website under "Financial Aid and Scholarships"



# **The Academies:**



West Point (Army)



Air Force



Naval



**Coast Guard** 



**Merchant Marines** 

#### **The Academies**

Strong GPA and test scores

Strong commitment to athletic and extracurricular activities, leadership, and community involvement.

Show your interest early in HS, especially to your state senator or congressional rep. You will need a nomination from one of them.

You can apply to more than one academy at a time

You must be a US citizen

Academy programs are highly challenging on many levels: academic, physical, emotions and metal. Time management is a significant issue. Not all students thrive!

# **ASVAB**

#### Military Exam

- 8 short tests
- No charge
- DVHS February/March





www.military.com/ASVAB

#### **Additional Graduation Requirements**

- ACT 158 Pathways (in the packet, also goes home with schedules)
- Simplest way to accomplish is by passing the Keystone Exams
  - Counselors will work with you to determine alternate pathways if this is not accomplished
    - Keep in mind this could require a schedule change or additional testing in order to fulfill these requirements

#### Looking for general info and staying "up to date"?

Website: https://pa01001022.schoolwires.net/Page/470

Schoology group!

Twitter/X: @DVHSCounselors

Instagram: @dvhs\_counselors

Specific questions:?

Please contact the appropriate School Counselor



### **DVHS Counselors**

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