



BERKLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings BHS Families,

While our **state-mandated** standardized testing is not until April, I wanted to send out a quick note detailing the specific tests, the daily schedule for each grade, and other important testing information. One very important item to note is that the College Board has transitioned the SAT suite of assessments ([PSAT 9](#), [PSAT 10](#), [SAT](#)) to a *digital* test format.

For digital testing, all students must bring in their district Chromebook. There are a limited number of Chromebooks available only to students who have never had a district Chromebook assigned to them.

TESTING INFORMATION					
Grade	Test	Test Date	Test Mode	Test Sections	Testing Time
9th grade	PSAT 9	Thursday, April 11th	Digital <i>district Chromebook</i>	-Reading and Writing -Math	2h 25 minutes <i>(including break)</i>
10th grade	PSAT 10	Thursday, April 11th	Digital <i>district Chromebook</i>	-Reading and Writing -Math	2h 25 minutes <i>(including break)</i>
11th grade	M-Step	Tuesday, April 9th	Digital <i>district Chromebook</i>	-Science -Social Studies	Untimed ~2h
	SAT w/Essay	Wednesday, April 10th	Digital <i>district Chromebook</i>	-Reading and Writing -Math -Essay	3h 25 minutes <i>(including breaks)</i>
	WorkKeys	Thursday, April 11th	Pencil & Paper	-Workplace Documents -Applied Math -Graphic Literacy	3h 20 minutes <i>(including breaks)</i>

SCHEDULE FOR TESTING Student should report for testing by 8:20 AM w/ district Chromebook				
Date	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Monday, April 8th	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	Regular School Day
Tuesday, April 9th	No School AM	No School AM	M-Step Group A - 8:20 Group B - 10:30 ~2h	No School AM **AM OSTC
	1st hr 1:25-2:25 PM 2nd hr 2:30-3:30 PM	1st hr 1:25-2:25 PM 2nd hr 2:30-3:30 PM	Dismissed after testing	1st hr 1:25-2:25 PM 2nd hr 2:30-3:30 PM **PM OSTC
Wednesday, April 10th	No School AM	No School AM	SAT w/Essay Report by 8:20 AM ~3h 25 min	No School AM **AM OSTC
	3rd hr 1:25-2:25 PM 4th hr 2:30-3:30 PM	3rd hr 1:25-2:25 PM 4th hr 2:30-3:30 PM	Dismissed after testing	3rd hr 1:25-2:25 PM 4th hr 2:30-3:30 PM **PM OSTC / CASA
Thursday, April 11th	PSAT 9 Report by 8:20 AM ~2h 25 minutes	PSAT 10 Report by 8:20 AM ~2h 25 minutes	WorkKeys Report by 8:20 AM ~3h 20 min	No School AM **AM OSTC
	5th hr 1:25-2:25 PM 6th hr 2:30-3:30 PM	5th hr 1:25-2:25 PM 6th hr 2:30-3:30 PM	Dismissed after testing	5th hr 1:25-2:25 PM 6th hr 2:30-3:30 PM **PM OSTC / CASA
Friday, April 12th	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	Regular School Day

REQUIRED DIGITAL READINESS CHECK for 9th + 10th + 11th Graders w/ district Chromebook	
When is the DRC?	To prepare for the digital PSAT/SAT all 9th, 10th, 11th graders must participate in the <i>Digital Readiness Check (DRC)</i> during English class on April 2nd. ** Any 11th graders who attend CASA for English must report to College + Career Center during hours 1-4.)
What is the DRC?	Students will log-into the Bluebook app and access a test preview where they will be able to: 1) Get familiar with functions in the app, 2) See the structure of the test, 3) Try a small sample of Reading and Writing and Math questions to become familiar with the kinds of questions they'll encounter on test day and with how to properly enter their answers.

Required Tech for DRC	The <i>DRC</i> must be done on a Berkley School District Chromebook. You must bring in the district Chromebook assigned to you on April 2nd (and on test days)! There are a limited number of Chromebooks available if you do not have a district Chromebook.
Opt-in Features	During the <i>DRC</i> , students will be asked if they would like to opt-in to the College Board's BigFuture School mobile app and Connections . We will be advising students to decline, informing them that they can choose to download the app from home, with parent/guardian permission.
Test Prep Resources	<p>Students are able to download the Bluebook app on their personal computer or Chromebook for practice tests and familiarizing themselves with the digital testing format. Click here for more information on practice.</p> <p>Students are still able to use Khan Academy as a free, comprehensive test preparation tool. Khan Academy's digital SAT course content includes videos, articles, and worked examples designed to help you understand and experience what's new about the digital SAT Suite.</p>
11th Graders: Option to Send SAT Scores to Colleges	<p>11th graders will be given an option to send their SAT scores for free to up to four colleges. This is optional. Colleges do <i>not</i> have automatic access to test scores. Students must <i>elect</i> to send their SAT scores to colleges.</p> <p>Many colleges are continuing with test-optional policy - meaning SAT scores are not required for admission. If your student is interested in a particular college, they should visit the college's admission website or contact the college admissions representative for information on admission requirements/testing policies.</p>

Important Information for 12th Graders	
AM + PM OSTC	Attend OSTC on Tuesday, Wednesday, + Thursday at their normal times. OSTC buses will be available.
CASA	<p>Tuesday 4/9: CASA will be closed.</p> <p>Wednesday 4/10: May <i>elect</i> to attend CASA instead of BHS. (Be sure to notify the BHS Attendance line). Bus will be available.</p> <p>Thursday 4/11: Attend CASA. Bus will be available.</p>

Important Information for 9th + 10th Graders

Dismissed after PSAT testing in the mid-late morning. **Expected to return by 1:20 PM for afternoon classes.** Students unable to go home are permitted in the Collaborative Center. *Bagged lunches will be available.*

9th, 10th + 11th Graders who receive Testing Accommodations

Students who receive testing accommodations will receive *additional* information and instructions from BHS Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Coordinator, Mrs. Julius (Meredith.Julius@berkleyschools.org)

Date	9th Grade Accommodated	10th Grade Accommodated	11th Grade Accommodated
Tuesday, April 9th	PSAT 9 at 8:20 AM	PSAT 10 at 8:20 AM	MStep Group A - 8:20 Group B - 10:30
Wednesday, April 10th	No School AM	No School AM	SAT at 8:20 AM
Thursday, April 11th	No School AM	No School AM	No School AM
Friday, April 12th	No School AM	No School AM	WorkKeys at 8:20 AM

You and your student will receive additional information (room assignments, what to bring, etc.) closer to the week of testing in April.

We understand these tests put a lot of unneeded stress and anxiety onto your student's already overloaded plate. Although standardized tests are just a part of what goes on at our school, we have always and will continue to create testing schedules that have their best interests in mind. Additionally, we also feel confident that the education and preparation they have received up until this point will prepare them for any unknown that lies ahead. Your support of both them and the work we do here makes these future successes possible.

Please contact me directly with any questions.
Sincerely,

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