

KNOW YOURSELF

Abilities
Interests
Experiences
Strengths/Weaknesses

INVESTIGATE CAREERS

Talk to People
“Job Shadow”
Research Careers
Research Educational Pathways

Career Search Sites for
Career assessment and planning.

Kuder Career Assessment
See your counselor for pin number
www.kuder.com

Achieve Texas
www.tbecachievetexas.org



Research on-line or in person

Academic Preparation

- ⇒ Register to take the SAT I and the ACT this spring
- ⇒ Plan your schedule for your senior year with care!
- ⇒ Visit colleges you are interested in attending
- ⇒ Pass courses & don't have NCs (Non Credits)
- ⇒ Know your counselor!

DUAL CREDIT

- ⇒ Dual credit is available to junior and seniors who take English 4 AP, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology AP, US history AP, Statistics AP, Spanish IV, V
- ⇒ Dual credit is through San Antonio College and transfers to many public colleges in Texas
- ⇒ Deadline for Registration Feb. 10, 2012.

AP Testing

- ⇒ Juniors enrolled in AP classes should sign up for AP testing in the Spring
- ⇒ Many colleges nationwide accept AP scores of 3 or better.
- ⇒ Check with the school



Class
Of
2013

JUNIOR JUMPSTART



Are your plans for the future “Up in the Air”? Would you like some help in figuring out what you should be doing to this year to get ready for next year and beyond?

MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL

SAT VS ACT

All colleges take either

SAT	ACT
NO SCIENCE SECTION	SCIENCE REASONING SECTION
NO TRIGONOMETRY SECTION	MATH SECTION INCLUDES TRIG
VOCABULARY EMPHASIZED	VOCABULARY LESS IMPORTANT
NON-MULTIPLE CHOICE INCLUDED	ENTIRELY MULTIPLE CHOICE
GUESSING PENALTY	NO GUESSING PENALTY
NO ENGLISH GRAMMAR	ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTED
MATH COUNTS FOR 50%	MATH COUNTS FOR 25%
QUESTIONS GO FROM EASY TO HARD	EASY AND HARD QUESTIONS MIXED
ALL YOUR SAT SCORES REPORTED	REPORT SCORES ONLY FROM CHOSEN DATE

TEST DATES: SPRING 2012

SAT	REGISTER BY
JAN 28	DEC 20
MAR 10	FEB 10
MAY 5	APR 6
JUN 2	MAY 8

REGISTER AT: collegeboard.com

It is your responsibility to register on line by the registration date.

TEST DATES: SPRING 2012

ACT	REGISTER BY
FEB 11	JAN 13
APRIL 14	MAR 9
JUNE 9	MAY 4

REGISTER AT: act.org

It is your responsibility to register by the registration date.

How Important is your Junior Rank?

Your ranking through your junior year is very important! It is the ranking you use to apply to college. You receive your junior ranking at the beginning of your senior year, usually the middle of September. Since you should start applying to college in the Fall of your senior year, the rank on your transcript will be from grades 9, 10, and 11. Yes, you do receive at senior rank at the end of January your senior year but many due dates for college applications have long passed.

How Rank is Calculated

- ⇒ All courses required for graduation count.
- ⇒ Up to 26 credits can be ranked.
- ⇒ Weighted rank factors are used to calculate at weighted grade for each course.
- ⇒ AP, GT/AP, AP Dual Credit earn a multiplier of 1.29.
- ⇒ Pre AP and honors earn 1.15.
- ⇒ Regular classes earn 1.00
- ⇒ Content Modified earn .90
- ⇒ A weighted cumulative grade point average is used for rank.
- ⇒ Each student's weighed cumulative grade average is used to assign a rank position.
- ⇒ Only your junior and senior rank are on your transcript.