



## Information from Counseling Department – February 2021

### For Parents of All High School Students:

#### Course Selection for 2021-2022 School Year

Students will be watching a grade-appropriate video about course selection during homeroom on Wednesday, Feb. 10. These grade-level videos will be housed on the [course selection page of the BSM website](#), along with other department-specific videos. Students will then have about 1 ½ weeks to talk about course selection with their parents, and they will officially make their course selections in the Great Hall with counselors there to help **during the week of Feb. 22**. Freshmen courses/teachers will send students to make selections during 1st period on those days. Sophomore courses/teachers will send students during 3rd period on those days (whichever day they are in attendance). Junior courses/teachers will send students during 7th period on those days (whichever day they are in attendance). Counselors will register virtual students and anyone not able to register on their assigned day during 5th period on those days. **NOTE:** Students will no longer need to get signatures of approval from their current teachers for those classes that have a prerequisite/recommended grade because Powerschool now has a way to alert students not meeting prerequisite/recommended grades. Students not meeting a prerequisite/recommended grade **MUST** fill out this [override google form](#) and have parent/guardian approval on that form.

#### Spring Virtual College Exploration Opportunities

Click here for information about spring college fairs, webinars, virtual college visits, and more: [Spring 2021 Virtual College Exploration Opportunities](#)

#### Summer Enrichment Opportunities

The fall and early winter are good times to start thinking about enrichment opportunities for next summer. The BSM website has an extensive list of programs that colleges offer for high schools students. (Note that some of these may not be taking place in Summer 2021 due to COVID-19). Some programs, such as ones sponsored by Duke University and the University of Notre Dame, have started accepting applications or will start on December 1st. Please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) page of the BSM website for a complete list.

#### 2021 ACT and SAT Test Dates:

##### 2021 ACT Test Dates

Create account and register at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
March 2, 2021 – BSM is a district test center for BSM juniors only	February 2, 2021 – register via BSM not through ACT
April 17, 2021 – BSM is a test center	March 12, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021

##### 2021 SAT Test Dates

Create account and register at: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021
June 5, 2021 – BSM is a test center	May 6, 2021

## For Parents of Juniors:

### Building Your Future Workshop

All BSM juniors are required to attend the Building Your Future workshop about college and career planning on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Juniors should plan to arrive at school no later than 8:30 a.m. Juniors will be directed by alphabet to the theater, the library, or the Great Hall, and expected to be seated by 8:45 a.m. They will be released at noon.

### College Planning Meeting for Parents of Juniors

This event is on the calendar for Wednesday, February 10 in the theater. In lieu of an in-person meeting, we will send all parents of juniors a link to attend the counselors' presentation via a webinar at **noon, Wednesday, Feb. 10**. The webinar will be recorded and sent out to all junior parents, as well.

### Junior/Counselor Individual Meetings

Juniors and parents received an email on Jan. 26 with a day and time to meet with their counselor. These meetings will take place via Zoom, and counselors will be sending a calendar invite with the Zoom link to juniors and parents.

### Applying for Extended Time on the ACT, SAT and AP Exams:

If your son or daughter meets all of the following three criteria, he or she **may** qualify for extended time on standardized tests: 1) your son or daughter has documentation from a complete assessment of his/her disability (including academic and intelligence tests) done by a licensed professional in the past three years, OR an update of a previous assessment; 2) your son or daughter has an accommodation plan on file at BSM that states the need for extended time on tests; and 3) your son or daughter is currently using extended time in at least one class at BSM. Note that the school must apply separately to ACT and/or the Collegeboard (PSAT, SAT and AP) for each student, so please start the process of applying for extended time at least one month before the test's registration deadline. For example, the registration deadline for the **April 17 ACT is March 12**, so you should begin the process with Maureen Miller, BSM Learning Specialist, **by Feb. 12**. For specifics about how the application process for extended time works, click on this page <https://www.bsmschool.org/academics/college-resources/important-test-dates> and then on the "Applying for Extended Time" document. Contact Maureen Miller at [mmiller@bsmschool.org](mailto:mmiller@bsmschool.org) if you have any questions or to begin the process.

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