



BUCKINGHAM BROWNE & NICHOLS COLLEGE COUNSELING CALENDAR

Freshman Year

- Strengthen vocabulary by reading.
- Study hard, earn best grades possible.
- Get involved in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities, during the summer, too.
- Choose sophomore courses with care. Questions? Come visit us!
- Begin to think about and sign up for June SAT subject tests in some terminal courses **if appropriate** (i.e. sciences, some math). (www.collegeboard.com)

Sophomore Year

September

- Strengthen vocabulary by reading.
- Study hard, earn best grades possible.
- Check course selection—will it allow you to take the courses you want your senior year?
- Get involved in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities, during summer, too.

October

- **PSAT** (Scores received in December)

January

- Begin to think about and sign up for June SAT subject tests in some terminal courses if appropriate (i.e. sciences, some math). (www.collegeboard.com)

May

- Course selection--choose your courses carefully! Questions? Come to the College Office.

June

- **SAT subject tests**
- Make your summer productive and register for Jan SAT I (www.collegeboard.com) and April ACT (www.actstudent.org).

Junior Year

October

- Save your best graded papers, with teacher comments.
- Gather artwork for portfolio (if applicable).
- **PSAT** (Scores received in December)
- Junior Parent College Counseling Night

December

- Register for the January SAT

January

- Take the SAT

February

- Attend College Workshop for Juniors and Parents.
- College Counseling Questionnaires due.
- Individual & Family appointments may be scheduled after completion of Questionnaires.

March

- College counseling appointments continue.
- Visit colleges during Spring Break.
- Registration deadline for April ACT test. All juniors are encouraged to take the April ACT.
- **SAT**
- Registration deadline for the May SAT.

April

- College counseling appointments continue.
- Attend Boston National College Fair at the Bayside Expo Center.
- Attend BISCCA College Fair at Milton Academy.
- **ACT**
- Registration deadline for June SAT

May

- College counseling appointments continue.
- **SAT**
- AP exams / BB&N exams.
- Ask teachers to write recommendations.

June

- **SAT**
- Great month to visit colleges.

July & August

- Draft college essays.
- Rough draft of school transcript mailed home.
- Visit colleges! Students are expected to do the majority of their college visiting by the time they return to school in the fall.

Senior Year

September

- College Application Boot Camp
- **ACT**
- Meet with college representatives visiting BB&N.
- Registration deadline for Oct SAT.
- Registration deadline for Oct ACT.
- Registration deadline for Nov SAT.

October

- **SAT**
- **ACT**
- Registration deadline for Dec SAT.

- Visit or re-visit colleges during long weekends.
- Meet with college representatives visiting BB&N.
- Work on applications.

November

- Nov. 1 - First major Early Decision/Early Action application deadline.
- Nov. 15 - Second major ED/EA application deadline.
- Registration deadline for Dec ACT.
- **SAT**
- Narrow list down to final selections.
- Meet with college counselor.
- Turn in school forms to college counseling office.
- Pay attention to application deadlines and requirements.
- Wrap-up visits and schedule remaining interviews.

December

- **SAT**
- **ACT**
- Dec. 15 – Earliest Regular Decision application deadline.
- Pay attention to regular decision application deadlines and requirements.
- Take BB&N exams.
- Winter vacation.

January

- Jan. 1 – Major Regular Decision application deadline.
- Jan. 15 – Major Regular Decision application deadline.
- File all financial aid forms.

February & March

- Enjoy two months with minimal college-related activities.

April

- All admission decisions received by the middle of the month.
- Many opportunities to revisit campuses.
- Inform the College Counseling Office of your news.
- Meet with your college counselor to discuss options.
- Notify those colleges that you are no longer considering.

May & June

- May 1 – deadline to make your final decision
- Notify each college to which you applied of your enrollment plans.
- Speak to your college counselor about wait list issues.
- Graduation!

	ACT	SAT
Length	3 hours, 25 minutes (including the 30-minute optional Writing Test)	3 hours, 45 minutes
Sections	4 test sections (5 with the optional Essay, known as the Writing Test)	10 Sections
Areas Tested	English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing (optional)	Critical Reading, Math, Writing (includes the Essay), Experimental (un-scored)
Reading (ACT) / Critical Reading (SAT)	4 Reading Comprehension passages, 10 questions per passage	Mix of Reading Comprehension and Sentence Completion questions that require vocabulary expertise
Science	Science Reasoning (analysis, interpretation, evaluation, problem solving) covered	Science not included
Math	Math accounts for 1/4 of overall score Topics Covered: Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry (4 ?s)	Math accounts for 1/3 of overall score Topics Covered: Basic Geometry and Algebra II
Essay	Last thing you do (optional); 30 minutes Not included in composite score	First thing you do; 25 minutes Factored into overall score
Scoring	Total composite score of 1-36 (based on average of 4 tests) 4 scores of 1-36 for each test Score of 0-12 for the optional Essay	Total score out of 2400 3 scores of 200-800 for each section 2 sub-scores of 20-80 for writing multiple choice and 0-12 for the Essay
Wrong Answer Penalty	No wrong answer penalty	Yes, 1/4 point per wrong answer (except for Math Grid)
Sending Score History	You decide which test date is sent	Score choice enables you to have <i>some</i> choice about which test dates are sent to colleges.