

# Class of 2019: Junior Booklet



Haverhill High School Counseling Department



Members of the junior class are often warned that the junior year is the most important year of high school. Why is this year such a big deal? It is because junior year offers the most recent data that admissions counselors will have in order to determine how successful a student may be on their college campus.

There is much to do in your junior year in order to prepare for life beyond Haverhill High School. The

purpose and benefit of this booklet is to help you as you begin to make those important decisions. We would like to help make this process as smooth and user-friendly as possible for you, your parents/guardians, and your School Counselor.



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# Roadmap to College

Keep on track so that you can hit the ground running in your Senior year!

## March & April

- Attend Haverhill High School's College Fair **April 4, 2018** from 6-8 p.m.
- Register for the SAT or ACT (See the SAT tab on [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) for test dates; register at least 6 weeks in advance.)
- Develop a preliminary list of colleges
- Visit college campuses
- If considering Div. I or II colleges, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org))
- Meet with your guidance counselor to map out senior year classes

## May

- Attend a local college fair:
  - **April 12, 2018**- 9:00-12:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:30pm/ **April 13, 2018** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Boston National College Fair
  - **May 22, 2018**- 6:00-8:00 p.m. - NEACAC Regional College Fair at Merrimack College
- Take SAT/ACT
- Think about which teachers you would want to write you a letter of recommendation
- Don't let your grades slip! This is the last full year of grades that colleges will see!
- Continue visiting college campuses

## June

- Take SAT/ACT
- Choose teachers to ask for recommendations and approach them with your request before you leave for the summer
- Get comfortable using Naviance (the program we use to track college applications, which you can use to research colleges and careers.) If you don't know your username/password, see your School Counselor
- Think about the criteria that are important to you as you consider colleges; size, location, types of majors, etc.
- Make an appointment with your guidance counselor to confirm that graduation requirements will be met, and your classes are finalized
- Make plans to do something productive over the summer. Whether working, volunteering, or taking a class, make your summer count!

# Roadmap cont'd.

## July

- Analyze your SAT scores from the spring and begin to plan for any future testing in the fall
- Continue visiting colleges and take note of those schools you would like to visit again when students are back on campus
- Create your list of schools- make sure to have schools of varying competitiveness as well as financially “safer” options
- Firm up your choice of major by researching careers on Naviance

## August

- Both you AND your parents need to create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSAID) for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by going to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/> (may take up to 2 weeks to process)
- Students should set up their Common Application account at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Register for the ACT, SAT, or SAT Subject Tests in the fall at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Begin working on an outline for your college essay. You can find the essay prompts on Common App.

## September

- Check in with the teachers who said that they would write a letter of recommendation. Don't wait until the last minute!
- Parents should attend the Senior Parent Night for more information on the college process
- Firm up your college selections
- Familiarize yourself with admission deadlines

# Graduation Requirements

Currently, twenty (20) credits are required for graduation. The state has issued Mass Core graduation requirements, which is a rigorous program of study that aligns high school course work with college and workforce expectations. HHS strives for all students currently enrolled to meet Mass Core requirements. All graduates must also pass the English, Mathematics, and Science MCAS tests as required by state regulations.

Subject	HHS Credits	Mass. Core Credits
English	4	4
Math	4	4.0 (including Algebra II)
Science	3	3
Social Studies (includes US History)	3	3
Wellness	2	2
School-to-Career*	1	1
Computer Technology	0.5	0.5
World Languages OR Fine Arts	1	-
Fine Arts	-	1
World Languages	-	2 (must be same language)
Electives	2.5	2.5

## Suggested Credits for Admission to Post-Secondary School

	English	Social Studies	Math	Science	World Lang.
Highly Selective Colleges	4	3-4	4-5	3-4	3-4
Four-year Colleges	4	3	3-4	3-4	2-4
Two-Year Colleges	4	3	2-3	2-3	1-2
Technical Colleges	4	3	2-3	2-3	1-2

\*For vocational readiness; includes many business, technology, and trade courses. See your counselor for details.

**It is highly recommended that all students take a minimum of 6 credits per year.**

**CHOOSING ELECTIVES:** Choose electives that fulfill college admission and graduation requirements, that you are interested in, and that will help you explore possible career paths.

**TO BE A SENIOR:** Students must pass English III have a minimum of 13.5 credits.

# State University Admission Requirements

The required minimum GPA is 3.0 for the four-year public campuses. If an applicant's GPA falls below the required 3.0 minimum, a sliding scale will apply, which is based upon the combined critical reading and math sections of the SAT.

No applicant with a high school GPA below 2.0 may be admitted to a Massachusetts State College or University Campus.

## Sliding Scale for Freshman Applicants to UMass\*

GPA	Combined SAT CR & M Exceed Must Equal or <i>(ACT equivalent in Italics)</i>
2.51 - 2.99	1030 (20)
2.41 - 2.50	1070 (21)
2.31 - 2.40	1110 (22)
2.21 - 2.30	1140 (23)
2.11 - 2.20	1180 (24)
2.00 - 2.10	1220 (25)

## Sliding Scale for Freshman Applicants to State Universities\*

GPA	Combined SAT CR & M Must Equal or Exceed <i>(ACT equivalent in Italics)</i>
2.51 - 2.99	990 (19)
2.41 - 2.50	1030 (20)
2.31 - 2.40	1070 (21)
2.21 - 2.30	1110 (22)
2.11 - 2.20	1140 (23)
2.00 - 2.10	1180 (24)

\*Requirements are subject to change upon review by Board of Higher Education



# Understanding Rank and GPA at Haverhill High School

## Overview



Haverhill High School's GPA and Rank are calculated as a running average at the end of each semester. Therefore, the policy is to calculate Rank and GPA twice a year coinciding with the end of semester one and semester two.

## RANK



Rank at Haverhill High School is weighted and determined by Quality Points calculation. To calculate quality points one must multiply the grade point value by the weight of the group to which the pupil is assigned. The total of all such products is the total quality point score of the student.

## GPA



At Haverhill High School GPA is un-weighted. This means GPA is a straight average of courses taken over the course of a student's high school career based on the earned GPA value for each course. The following chart shows the grades and their equivalent GPA value:

Grade	Numeric range	GPA Value
A+	(97-100)	4.00
A	(93-96)	3.85
A-	(90-92)	3.70
B+	(87-89)	3.30
B	(83-86)	3.00
B-	(80-82)	2.70
C+	(77-79)	2.30
C	(73-76)	2.00
C-	(70-72)	1.70
D+	(67-69)	1.30
D	(63-66)	1.00
D-	(60-62)	0.70
F	(Below 60)	0.00

For example: A student who earns a 95 (A) in a class has a GPA value of 3.85 for that class.

Grade point value for quality points is not based on numeric range, but aligns with each individual grade. For example:

Numeric Grade	GPA Value
100	4.00
99	3.91
98	3.83
97	3.74
96	3.66

Etc.....

Numeric grades of 59 and below are assigned a 0.0 GPA.

Weight has been assigned to one of the four group levels as follows:

Group	Weight
Advanced Placement/ College courses	3.0
Honors Accelerated	2.7
Honors	2.5
College Preparatory	2.0

Example of Quality Point calculation for two students in College Preparatory English:

Student A:

Numeric grade: 98 = 3.83 GPA Value  
 Course weight is a 2.0  
 Quality Points Calculation:  
 $3.83 \times 2.0 = 7.66$  Quality Points Earned

Student B:

Numeric grade: 88 = 2.97 GPA Value  
 Course weight is a 2.0  
 Quality Points Calculation:  
 $2.97 \times 2.0 = 5.94$  Quality Points Earned

# Standardized Testing

It is important for all juniors who plan to apply to colleges in the fall to take either the SAT or ACT in the spring so they can research and find colleges that match their academic profile. SAT or ACT scores are also an application requirement for many colleges and universities (unless a school is test-optional.) Although there are many factors which college admission counselors consider, SAT/ACT results are standardized, and can be used to evaluate students on a “level playing field” when they apply from different schools across the country. The SAT and ACT are both accepted for college admission purposes and many students will attempt both tests to see on which they do better before they choose which test to submit to their colleges.

Do you know which test is best for you? Read through this chart to decide!

Structure and Timing	New SAT	ACT
Testing time	3 hours + 50-minute essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)
Structure	3 tests + optional essay	4 tests + optional writing test
Number of questions	154	215
Time per question	1 minute, 10 seconds	49 seconds
Score range	Composite 400–1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2–8)	Composite 1–36 (writing domain scores: 2–12)
Test length and timing	<p><b>Reading Test</b> 65 minutes 52 questions</p> <p><b>Writing and Language Test</b> 35 minutes 44 questions</p> <p><b>Math Test</b> 80 minutes 58 questions</p>	<p><b>Reading Test</b> 35 minutes 40 questions</p> <p><b>English Test</b> 45 minutes 75 questions</p> <p><b>Math Test</b> 60 minutes 60 questions</p> <p><b>Science Test</b> 35 minutes 40 questions</p>

For specific information on the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Tests, as well as materials to help you prepare, visit

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/inside-the-test>



# SAT/ACT Conversion

ACT Composite Score	SAT Score Critical Reading + Math (Single Score)	SAT Score Critical Reading + Math (Score Range)	ACT Combined English/Writing	SAT Score Writing (Single Score)	SAT Score Writing (Score Range)
36	1600	1600	36	800	800
35	1560	1540-1590	35	800	800
34	1510	1490-1530	34	770	770-790
33	1460	1440-1480	33	740	730-760
32	1420	1400-1430	32	720	710-720
31	1380	1360-1390	31	690	690-700
30	1340	1330-1350	30	670	660-680
29	1300	1290-1320	29	650	640-650
28	1260	1250-1280	28	630	620-630
27	1220	1210-1240	27	610	610
26	1190	1170-1200	26	590	590-600
25	1150	1130-1160	25	570	570-580
24	1110	1090-1120	24	550	550-560
23	1070	1050-1080	23	530	530-540
22	1030	1020-1040	22	510	510-520
21	990	980-1010	21	490	480-500
20	950	940-970	20	470	470
19	910	900-930	19	450	450-460
18	870	860-890	18	430	430-440
17	830	820-850	17	420	410-420
16	790	770-810	16	400	390-400
15	740	720-760	15	380	380
14	690	670-710	14	360	360-370
13	640	620-660	13	340	340-350
12	590	560-610	12	330	320-330
11	530	510-550	11	310	300-310

# About the Tests

## **The SAT Reasoning**

The SAT measures the critical thinking skills you'll need for academic success in college, such as how well you analyze and solve problems. This is a 3 hour 50 minute exam (including the essay) comprised of three sections: evidence-based reading and writing, math, and essay (optional, but recommended.) The first two sections are scored 200-800 for a total score of 400-1600 points. The essay is scored separately from 2-8 in three dimensions. The cost for each SAT registration is \$60.00 including the essay (or \$46 without the essay.)

We advise you take it with the essay, as some colleges require it. If you choose to take the test more than once, each college has its own policy for which scores they will receive.

## **SAT Subject Tests**

SAT Subject Tests include 20 different tests focusing on 5 specific subject areas: English, history, mathematics, science, and foreign languages. Each subject test lasts one hour and consists entirely of multiple choice questions. Subject Tests are scored on a scale of 200-800. Students may take up to three subject tests on a given test administration. Subject Tests and the SAT test CANNOT be taken on the same day. Not every college requires Subject Tests and/or considers these scores when reviewing a student for Admission. Be sure to check the requirements of the colleges you are considering. The cost for Subject Tests is \$26 for the basic registration fee plus \$21 per test.

### **SAT Spring Test Dates:**

- **May 5, 2018** (registration deadline April 6th)
- **June 2, 2018** (registration deadline is May 3rd)

**To register for the SAT and/or SAT Subject Tests visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).**

## **The American College Test (ACT)**

The ACT is an achievement test that measures what a student has learned in school and their ability to complete college-level work. The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. The Writing Test, which is optional, measures skills in planning and writing a short essay. The exam takes approximately 3 hours plus an extra half hour if you choose to take the optional writing portion. The test is scored on a scale of 1-36 and the essay is scored between 0-12. The tests costs \$62.50 with the writing portion (recommended) and \$46.00 without the writing. If taking the ACT more than once, students are able to choose which test score will be sent to their prospective schools.

### **ACT Spring Test Dates**

- **June 9, 2018** (registration deadline is May 4th)
- **July 14, 2018** (registration deadline in June 15th).

**To register for the ACT visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).**

# NCAA Eligibility

Any student who plans to enroll in a Division I or II college and participate in athletics must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) to begin the process. Remember to check eligibility requirements in The Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete. You will need a valid email address to create your account. You will be required to pay a fee as part of registration. In addition you must submit official SAT/ACT scores using the eligibility center's code of "9999". Finally, you should request an official transcript be sent from the Guidance Office.

The suggested time to initially complete this on-line registration form is during the student's junior year of high school. It is the responsibility of the student to know which high school courses have been approved by the NCAA Clearinghouse. Approved Haverhill courses are listed on the Clearinghouse website. You will find these courses by clicking on the List of NCAA Courses under the Resources tab. Use the code 220985. If a student does not enroll in the appropriate core courses, he/she may become ineligible to participate in athletics at the college/university level. For more information see your Guidance Counselor.

# Naviance

Family Connection from Naviance is a web-based service designed especially for students and parents. It is a comprehensive website that assists in navigating the college and career process. Family Connection will allow you to:

- **Get involved in the planning and advising process-** Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines & deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers.
- **Research colleges-** Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past several years.
- **Find scholarship opportunities-** Research scholarship applications to help fund your post-secondary education.
- **Get organized-** Create goals, track deadlines, and develop your "To Do" list using the My Planner feature.

## How do you register?

- Each student receives an activation code
- On your first visit click on "I Need to Register", enter your code, then follow on-screen instructions
- On subsequent visits, sign in using your Username and Password

[www.connection.naviance.com/haverhill](http://www.connection.naviance.com/haverhill)

# Helpful Websites

## **COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE PROCESS INFORMATION**

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

SAT prep, online registration, financial aid, college planning, CSS/PROFILE registration, and more

[connection.naviance.com/haverhill](http://connection.naviance.com/haverhill)

The site used to research colleges, careers, scholarships, and to track college application information. See your counselor to get your access code.

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

College search, career guidance/assessment, financial aid, test prep, summer opportunities, and study abroad.

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

ACT prep, online registration

[www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)

To find a comprehensive list of colleges who do not require standardized testing for admission

## **JOB INFORMATION**

[www.stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm](http://www.stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm)

The Occupation Outlook Handbook. Provides job description, working conditions, training/education needed, earnings, and expected job prospects.

[www.careernet.org](http://www.careernet.org)

Career exploration, education and training, and employment

[www.masscis.intocareers.org](http://www.masscis.intocareers.org)

Occupational and education information to help make better informed choices about careers

## **MILITARY INFORMATION**

[www.asafa.af.mil](http://www.asafa.af.mil)

US Air Force

[www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com)

US Army

[www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil)

US Marines

[www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil)

US Navy

[www.1800goguard.com](http://www.1800goguard.com)

US National Guard

## **FINANCIAL AID**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid

[www.mefa.org](http://www.mefa.org)

Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority. College planning/funding

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

College scholarships and financial aid information

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

Large variety of financial aid information