College Entrance Exams

1) The SAT – a reasoning exam that tests you in reading, math and optional writing (required by the UCs).  
2) The ACT – an informational test covering English, reading, math and science, with an optional writing component (also required by the UCs). All Four-year colleges require one or the other. Community Colleges don’t require either. For those of you heading to the UCs, SAT subject tests are recommended for some majors at some UCs (the Career Center has an informational flyer with UC subject test info). Up to three subject tests may be taken at one time. SAT Subject tests may not be taken on the same day as the SAT. College Entrance exams are taken in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of senior year. If you had English and Math last term, anytime is fine. If you are in English or Algebra 2 this term, wait until late spring when you will be more knowledgeable.

Score Reports: When you register for your SAT or ACT exams, you should also select the colleges you wish to have your scores sent to. Four free score reports are included in the cost of the exam if selection is made either before or within nine days of taking the tests. If you wait too long to request scores sent, you will be charged $12 per college. For tips on sending score reports to the CSU and UC, see information below each chart.

How to prepare: Online test prep is available – see info on left sidebar. The Career Center also has study books that can be checked out. Kaplan offers test prep classes at Oak Ridge for a fee.

Deadlines: Don’t wait until the deadline to register for your tests. Test sites fill quickly – the longer you wait to register, the farther you may be driving to take your test.

Fee Waivers: Fee waivers are available to those of you who may be on Free or Reduced Lunch. Come to the Career Center to get request your fee waiver. You can receive up to two waivers for each test type.

SAT/ACT Practice Test:
- Saturday, January 30  10:00am – 2:30pm

Seminar:
- Tuesday, Feb. 16  6:00 – 7:30pm

Cost:
- $10 – cash or checks payable to UMHS

Sign up in the Career Center!

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CSU Mentor Code: 3594 (sending scores to all 23 State campuses). A score sent to one UC will be forwarded to all UC campuses.

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If you have listed a CSU campus as an ACT score report recipient, you can share your scores with additional CSU campuses by using the ACT Scores Manager on the csu mentor website (www.csumentor.edu). A score sent to one UC will be forwarded to all UC campuses.

www.actstudent.org
**Junior Newsletter**

**FBI Teen Academy**

The Spring 2016 FBI Teen Academy in Sacramento will be held at division headquarters in Sacramento in March. The experience offers a peek behind the scenes of the FBI, greater understanding of what the FBI does in their communities, and information about how to become an FBI agent and what the career is like.

Applications must be received by February 12th.

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**New Opportunity: ROP FIRE**

**ROP Fire is slated to come to Union Mine next year!**

This course is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in the fire service. This would include city fire departments, county fire districts, California Department of Forestry, California Parks, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and private companies involved in fire service and fuels management. Major areas of training and certification include State Firefighter I Training, Wild Land Fire Training, EMS First Responder Training, Hazardous Materials Training, and CPR Training. As part of their training, students will also be expected to spend part of the second semester in an on-the-job training experience with local fire agencies.

Students wishing to have a Fire Science career, or needing training in EMS, should consider signing up no later than March 1st.

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**PSAT Test Results – January 29th**

After spending three hours taking the test, it is definitely worth the five minutes it takes to retrieve your scores – here’s why: The score report you receive has these basic sections.

1) *Your Scores* as well as your percentile scores based on grade level.

2) *Review your Answers*: this answer review is designed to be used with your PSAT test book, so you actually see the questions along with the correct answers. The report also lists all of your answers with a summary of how well you did on easy, medium, and hard questions.

3) *Improve Your Skills*: this section provides personalized feedback based on your responses to test questions. It provides concrete information on what to study in order to raise your scores.

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**Career Expo**

**Career Expo – March 16th from 6:30 to 8:30**

- Engaging, hands-on Career exploration
- Internship opportunities
- Three breakout sessions (beginning at 5:45 in the UM Theatre):
  - Law Enforcement Panel
  - Steps to a State Job
  - High Demand Careers
- Hiring Fair
  - Summer jobs for students and permanent job options for graduates
  - Bring your resume!
- Volunteer Fair

More information is available by clicking the Career Expo link: [https://sites.google.com/a/eduhsd.k12.ca.us/careerexpo/home](https://sites.google.com/a/eduhsd.k12.ca.us/careerexpo/home)

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**Spring Fieldtrips:**

- 2/25 Folsom Lake College
- 4/21 Sacramento State Univ.
- 5/6 Art and Tech Festival

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**$OPPORTUNITIES$**

- **Democrats Essay**
  January 29th
- **Lions Speech Contest**
  February 17th
- **Sage Map Contest**
  February 26th
- **Tea Party Essay**
  March 1st
- **Rotary Speech Contest**
  March 3rd
- **Rotary Music Contest**
  April 7th

There is prize money associated with each of these opportunities! Flyers are available in the Career Center.