

STANDARDIZED TESTING

End of Course Assessment (ECA)

As a graduation requirement, all students must pass the End of Course Assessment (ECA) in both Algebra I and English 10. (These tests are also referred to as Core 40 tests.) ECAs are administered at the end of the course. Please note that some students take the Algebra I (and the Algebra I ECA) before entering high school.

Remediation and re-testing are offered two times per year. Parents and students will be notified when necessary.

If a student does not pass by graduation, they may apply for a waiver by either:

1. Graduating with a Core 40 Degree, with a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or better

OR

2. Meeting these multiple requirements:
 - Take remediation offered by your school
 - 95% attendance
 - Take the test every year
 - "C" or higher in required courses
 - Documentation of proficiency with teacher sign-off

PSAT

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) program is co-sponsored by College Board and the National Merit Scholarship. It is a standardized test that provides first-hand practice for the SAT, and gives students a chance to enter the NMSQ scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. All sophomores and juniors take the PSAT during school hours in October.

SAT/ACT

College-bound juniors and seniors should register for the SAT REASONING TEST or the ACT WITH WRITING beginning in the 2nd semester of the junior year. Most colleges will accept either test, but students should check specific admission requirements for each school to which they plan to apply.

Registration and testing is done through independent testing agencies. In order for BLHS to receive a student's test scores and apply them to their permanent transcripts, students must mark the BLHS code **151-083** on their registration. Many colleges also ask for scores to be sent directly to them from the testing agencies.