

# SOPHOMORE PARENT BREAKFAST



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## College & Career Center



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## Brookline High School

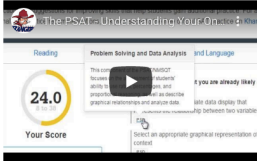
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### PSAT Scores Out Starting on Monday, Dec 9

12/8/2019

PSAT scores are out this week and Mr. Libenzon will hold a session explaining how to look at the scores during X-block in room 279 on Wednesday, December 18. If you are unable to attend, we highly recommend the video below, recorded by Westborough HS Counseling Department.



<http://bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/guidance>

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Class of 2019 College Attendance Data	
	%
4 Year College	88
Non-US College	3
2 Year College	4
Gap Year	2
Employed	2
Military	1

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## Sophomore Seminars

# April



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BHS Graduation Requirements	
English: 4 credits # %	four years
World Languages: 2 credits %	two years in one language
Mathematics: 3 credits	three years
Science: 3 credits	three years
Social Studies: 3 credits	three years (World History I and II, U. S. History) #
Electives: Career and Technology Education, Performing Arts and Visual Arts, Community Service: 3 credits	three years distributed across at least three of these program areas
Health and Fitness 1 credit *	Health and Fitness must be taken each year

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## MA State Admission Standards

Requirement for college freshman class entering...						
Subject	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017 and beyond
English	4 courses					
Mathematics	3 courses (Algebra I & II and Geometry or Trigonometry or comparable coursework)				4 courses (Algebra I & II and Geometry or Trigonometry, or comparable coursework) including mathematics during the final year of high school	
Sciences	3 courses (drawn from Natural Science and/or Physical Science and/or Technology/ Engineering, including 2 courses with laboratory work); Technology/Engineering courses must be designated as science courses (taken for science credit) by the high school				3 courses (drawn from Natural Science and/or Physical Science and/or Technology/ Engineering), including 3 courses with laboratory work	
Social Sciences	2 courses (including 1 course in U.S. History)					
Foreign Languages	2 courses (in a single language)					
Electives	2 courses (from the above subjects or from the Arts & Humanities or Computer Sciences)					



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## MA State Admission Standards

- If a student's GPA falls below the minimum required, the following sliding scale will apply.
- Recent change: Math is required to be taken senior year for admission to 4-year state colleges & universities.
- Any student applying to a state college or university on an IEP is not required to take the SAT or ACT. The IEP and support documentation will need to be sent to the colleges.
- For students whose first language is not English, they will need to take the TOEFL (Test Of English as a Foreign Language).

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### Sliding Scale For Freshman Applicants To Umass (Amherst, Lowell, Dartmouth and Boston)

Weighted High School GPA	Combined SAT-I V&M Must Equal or Exceed (ACT Equivalent in Italics)
2.51-2.99	950 (20)
2.41-2.50	990 (21)
2.31-2.40	1030 (22)
2.21-2.30	1070 (23)
2.11-2.20	1110 (24)
2.00-2.10	1150 (25)

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2.00-2.10	1120 (24)

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Pre-ACT

- Strengths and Weaknesses in math, English, reading and science
- In addition, pre-ACT helps students develop after-school goals
- Saturday, Feb 29, 2020

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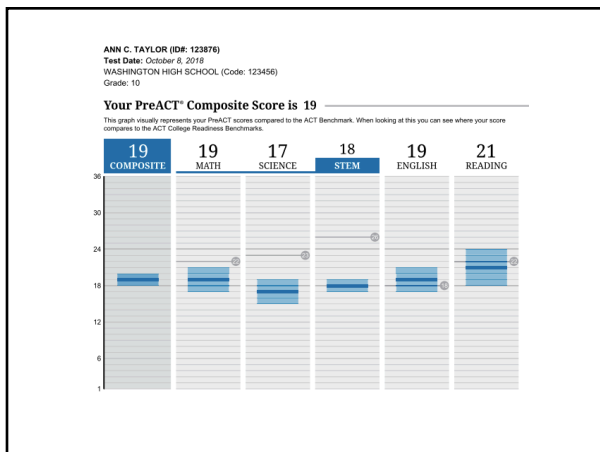
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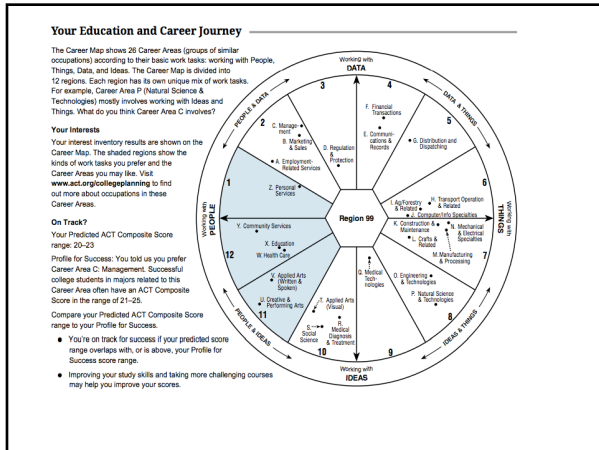
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## Clubs

Club Fair: early Fall

List of Clubs available @  
BHS WEBPAGE

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## PSAT

Around October 19, 7:45 a.m.

Registration: online, by mid-Oct.  
Info in Advisory

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## Naviance

- Web based system for college and career readiness, used in grades 9 – 12.
- Guidance Counselors utilize Naviance in the Guidance Seminars.
- Students get individual accounts. Parents can look into student information through these accounts.
- The Guidance department communicates with students by sending out emails through Naviance.
- Naviance is utilized extensively in junior and senior years for the college application process.

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## What to look forward to:

- Semester 2 Sophomore Year:
  - Midyears (end of January)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Seminars
  - Course selection (March 3-24, override: April 1)
  - MCAS ELA and Math (March)
  - Job & Career Fair (April 30)

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## What to look forward to:

- Junior year:
  - Students take PSATs in October
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Seminars
  - Junior Parent & Student Night
  - SAT and/or ACT in spring
  - College Fair & Gap Year Fair
  - Students to keep up good grades
  - Students continue to stay involved
  - College visits (February and April vacations)

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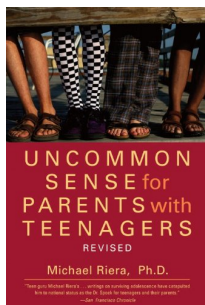
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*"Parents are fired as managers  
and working hard to become  
my consultant on my terms.."*

*"A fair number of students experience  
the sophomore slump, which usually  
occurs in the latter part of tenth grade.."*



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*"When teenagers come home  
from school they often need to  
"detox," just like adults do when  
they come home from work.."*

*"Realize that it isn't normal  
for sophomores to come home  
and want to brief their parents  
on the details of their life.."*



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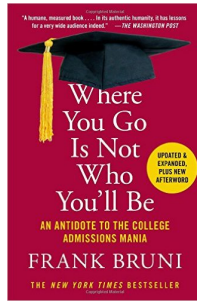
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For too many parents and their children, getting into a highly selective school is seen as the conclusive measure of a young person's worth, a binding verdict on the life that he or she has led up to that point, an uncontested harbinger of the successes or disappointments to come. Winner or loser: this is when the judgement is made.

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By pushing kids relentlessly and narrowly toward one of the most prized schools in the country you are probably setting them up for heartbreak, and you're imparting a questionable set of values.

Your control over the outcome is very, very limited, and outcome says nothing definitive about your talent and potential.

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