

College and Career Testing Calendar 2011-2012

The **Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)** will be offered to 10th and 11th graders on **Wednesday, October 12, 2011**. The deadline to register and pay for the PSAT/NMSQT is Monday, October 3, 2011. The fee for the test is \$14 (Fee waivers are available for eligible juniors). The PSAT/NMSQT measures reasoning skills in the areas of critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing.

Free PSAT/NMSQT resources, publications and tutorials are available at www.collegeboard.org/student/testing/psat/about.html

The PSAT/NMSQT is available for home-schooled students eligible to attend Ralls ISD. Please call Ms. Feaster at 806-253-2571, ext.3115 or email her at amyf@esc17.net to register for the test prior to October 3, 2011.

The **PLAN test** will be administered to all 10th graders on **Wednesday, October 19, 2011**. PLAN is the best predictor of performance on the ACT. It helps students identify: skills and knowledge they need to succeed in college; areas where extra help is needed; and career areas that match their interests. Learn more about this test at www.act.org/plan/

The **PLAN test** is available for home-schooled students eligible to attend Ralls ISD. Please call or email Ms. Feaster to register for the test prior to October 5, 2011.

The **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Assessment Battery) will be administered to all 11th graders on **Wednesday, October 19, 2011**. This is an aptitude test giving students another way to gather information on career choices. It is also available for home-schooled students eligible to attend Ralls ISD. Please call or email Ms. Feaster prior to October 5, 2011, to register for this assessment.

Dates for other college advanced placement tests are listed below:

SAT Test 2011-2012 Register online at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

Test Dates: Oct. 1 Nov.5 Dec. 3 Jan. 28 Mar.10 May 5 June 2

Registration

Deadlines: Sept.9 Oct. 7 Nov. 8 Dec. 30 Feb.10 Ap.6 May 8

ACT Test 2011-2012 Register online at www.actstudent.org

Test Dates: Sept. 10 Oct. 22 Dec. 10 Feb. 11 Apr. 14 June 9

Registration

Deadlines: Aug .12 Sept.16 Nov. 4 Jan. 13 Mar. 9 May 4

The **EXPLORE test** will be administered to all **8th graders in March of 2012**. This test helps 8th graders build high school course plans that will prepare them for college and work and introduces them to career options that are relevant to them. The Explore is available to home-schooled students eligible to attend Ralls ISD. Explore scores provide

early indicators of whether students are on track for college. Learn more about this test at www.explorestudent.org.

To ensure that students have the skills in Reading, Writing, and Math to be successful with college level work, the **Texas Success Initiative** was initiated. TSI approved tests include:

THEA (Texas Higher Education Assessment) For more information and test dates for the THEA visit the Website at www.thea.nesinc.com.

OR

ACCUPLACER can be taken in place of the THEA for most Texas colleges. Ralls High School is a testing site for the ACCUPLACER. For more information about test dates and fees please contact Ms. Feaster at 806-253-2571, ext 3115 or email her at amyf@esc17.net.

The **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)** – provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate college-level achievement through a program of exams in introductory college-level subjects. CLEP is available year-round, and scores are provided immediately. All CLEP exams are on computer. Visit College Board on the Web for more information and dates. www.collegeboard.com/clep

The **Advanced Placement Program (AP)** – This program provides high school students with the opportunity to study and learn at the college level, with more than 30 courses and exams in a wide variety of subject areas. Taught by dedicated high school teachers, AP courses lay the groundwork for students to succeed on the AP Exams. AP exams are administered during the first two weeks of May. For more information please visit www.apcentral.collegeboard.com.

For more information about any of these examinations please contact the Ralls High School Counselor, Ms. Feaster, (amyf@esc17.net) at 253-2571, ext.3115, or RHS College and Career Coach, Ms. Ellison, (vickie@esc17.net), ext, 3131.