



GUIDANCE NEWS

All students need to create a Parchment account to order transcripts when they apply to colleges. You can find a link to Parchment on the Mitchell Community School website. Go to the bottom left of the page where it says “order my transcript”. If you have questions, please see a guidance department staff member.

ISTEP REVIEW

If you did not pass the Math ISTEP, Mrs. Purlee has a suggestion for you. Mrs. Phelps will also provide resources for remediation.

Since the test covers standards from Algebra 1 and 8th grade, she recommends students do the following:

<https://trng-in.pearsonaccessnext.com>

Bottom right corner...click on: ISTEP + Experience TestNav 8 – Browsers or Devices

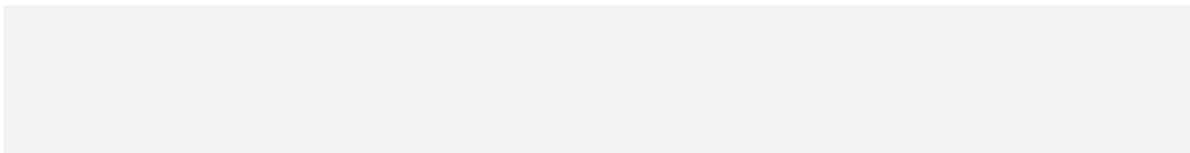
Then click...ISTEP + Grades 7-8 Online Experience (do #2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)

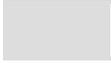
AND ISTEP + Grades 10 Online Experience (do #1, 2, 3, 4)

These practice tests **and answers** can also be accessed by students and teachers from the DOE website:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/experience-online>

Mrs. Purlee suggests students access this several weeks BEFORE you test. She explained that moving the points on the parabola graph was tricky as you had to choose the correct type of line for the computer to draw and one of the two points you were given was the vertex. Practicing doing this type of problem online will help! See Mrs. Phelps or Mrs. Purlee if you have questions about this.





SAT Preparation

Free online assistance to prepare for the SAT can be found at the following locations:

College Board www.sat.org

March 2 Success www.march2success.com

Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org

The SAT is given at Mitchell High School the first Saturday of May and August.

ACT Preparation

In the past 5 years the number of students taking the ACT increased by 19%, reaching 1.92 million students in 2015. Deciding whether to take the ACT vs the SAT, or even to take both, can be a difficult decision for all students, and once that decision is made they must still navigate the registration process and study for the exam. Experts at BestColleges.com recently created a [comprehensive guide for taking the ACT](#).

We break down all aspects of the ACT for students, including special segments that cover:

- [The Details](#): When, Where, How, How Much ...
- [Test Breakdown](#): What is included on the test, sample questions, and tips and tricks
- [How to prepare for the exam](#): Study resources, what to do the night before the test

The upcoming holiday season is prime time for preparing for college entrance exams. **Please join us in supporting students by sharing our ACT prep guide with them. It's as easy as placing the following link on your site!**

www.bestcolleges.com/resources/act-prep/

We do not offer the ACT at Mitchell High School. The closest testing site would be Salem or Bloomington.

College Visits

Students may take a maximum of two college/technical institute visits per year with prior approval from Mr. Pritchett. A conditional absence form must be filled out at least one school day prior to the planned visit. Conditional Absences are not granted to students with poor school attendance.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please see the scholarship tab under
the Guidance Link.

21st Century Scholars

Scholar Success Program

Beginning with the class of 2017, Twenty First Century Scholars are required to complete the [Scholar Success Program](#) (SSP) activities each year in order to maintain scholarship eligibility. Scholars must log in to [ScholarTrack](#) to track their progress. Enrolled Scholars must first register for a ScholarTrack account before they are able to access their ScholarTrack portal.

21st Century Scholars can earn workplace experience by job shadowing or conducting a phone interview with a professional in a career or field students are interested in. Scholars can also look for high school internship opportunities or get a part-time job allowing them to gain real-world experience. Real-world experience gives students a better sense of what a certain job or workplace is like and can spark future career aspirations. This is one of the requirements that need to be fulfilled to maintain eligibility for the program.

FAFSA and the FAFSA Completion Project

The 2018-2019 FAFSA opened on October 1, 2017. **All 21st Century Scholars must submit a FAFSA to be eligible for the 21st Century Scholarship.** We encourage all seniors to create an FSA ID before beginning the FAFSA. The FSA ID serves as a legal digital signature, and both the student and at least one parent must have an FSA ID. The FSA ID can be created on the federal student aid [website](#). The federal deadline is April 15th; some schools may have earlier deadlines.