## When to take the tests

- ACT/SAT
  - Taking either exam too early can put students at a disadvantage, as the tests contain material learned through junior year
  - o Juniors typically take the ACT/SAT for the first time in December/January
- SAT Subject Tests
  - Students applying to colleges requiring Subject Tests should consider taking these tests in May or
    June of junior year, or early fall of senior year
    - Early Decision applicants should take them by June of junior year
  - O These tests can also be taken after sophomore year if students are currently taking a related course which may be beneficial so the information is fresh in their mind
- Test dates
  - Visit <u>www.actstudent.org</u> (ACT) and <u>www.collegeboard.org</u> (SAT and SAT Subject Tests are offered on the same dates, though not all SAT subject tests are always offered)

## How to prepare for the tests

- ACT
- Visit <u>www.actstudent.org/testprep</u> to receive a free student preparation booklet and free practice test questions
- o If you take the ACT in December, April (the national date only), or June, you can pay \$19 to receive a list of your answers, the questions, and the answer key (including the writing rubric if you took the writing section)
- SAT and SAT: Subject tests
  - O Visit <u>www.collegeboard.com/practice</u> to get free questions and practice tests
- Find additional test prep materials in the CCRC
- Register to take Study Strategies