

Information for Gilbertsville-Mount Upton's Class of 2021



Graduation Requirements for GMU's Class of 2021

Credits:

- 4 English Credits
- 4 History Credits
- 3 Math Credits
- 3 Science Credits
- 1 Language other than English Credit(unless LOE Exempt); 3 LOE Credits for Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
- 2 Physical Education Credits
- .5 Health Credits
- 1 Fine Art Credit
- 4 Elective Credits [Regents Diploma]; 2 Elective Credits [Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation]

22.5 Credits



Graduation Requirements for GMU's Class of 2021 and Diploma Types

- **Regents Diploma:**

- English Regents
- Global Studies Regents
- US History Regents
- 1 Math Regents
- 1 Science Regents

- **Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation:**

- English Regents
- Global Studies Regents
- US History Regents
- 3 Math Regents
- 2 Science Regents
- 1 Foreign Language Proficiency Exam

Note: A score of 65 is needed to earn regents credit.



Additional Diploma Types and Non-Diploma High School Exiting Credentials

- **Local Diploma**

- Similar to Regents Diploma (same credit requirements and the same assessment requirements); however, individuals must score at least a 55 on each assessment.
- Safety net for students with disabilities
- Compensatory option
- Multiple Pathways
- 4+1 Assessment option

Non-Diploma Exiting Credentials:

- Career and Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Credential
- Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential



Post-Secondary Options

Includes but is not limited to:

- Adult Education and Continuing Education Programs
- Apprenticeship
- Four-year College; Two-Year College
- Life Skills Programs
- Military
- Internship
- Vocational-Technical Schools and Programs
- Workforce



Post-Secondary Schools

- 4-Year Colleges and Universities:
 - Work towards completing a 4-year Bachelor's degree in a variety of areas
- 2-Year Colleges:
 - Technical/vocational programs (e.g. auto mechanics, landscaping design, nursing, etc.) along with an academic curriculum to prepare students for immediate employment or transfer to a 4-year college/university.
- Vocational Skills:
 - Institutions that offer vocational/technical programs intended to prepare students for immediate employment.



Post-Secondary Schools (continued)

- Community Colleges:
 - Two-year colleges which offer two different types of programs to earn an Associate's degree.
 - An Associate of Science (AS) degree is a 2-year degree which prepares students to transfer into a four-year college program.
 - The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree prepares graduates for the workforce immediately after graduation.
 - Students may also complete the first two-years at a community college, and then transfer to a four-year school to finish the remaining two years to earn a Bachelor's degree.
- Business Schools:
 - Two-year business schools offer a concentration specific to the areas of business or secretarial skills. This prepares students to enter the workforce as quickly as possible.
- There are private schools and public schools:
 - Private schools: receive money from public institutions and individuals, and they use the money for scholarships and grants. Typically more expensive than public schools.
 - Public schools: receive money from the state, and therefore have a limited amount of money for grants and scholarships.



Tests Used for College and Military Admissions:

My Career

Goal

Plan

Action

- SAT: Scholastic Aptitude Test
- SAT Subject Tests
- ACT: American College Test
- ASVAB: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery



Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

- Measures the skills you have learned in and outside of the classroom and how well you can apply that knowledge. It tests how you think, solve problems and communicate. It is composed of three sections: critical reading, math and writing. The test is approximately 4 hours long.
- Scores range from 200-800 for each section, allowing a person to score a maximum of 2400
- Most colleges only use the critical reading and math for acceptance (Note: Many colleges for Fall 2021 admission are now test-optional). A score of 1000 for the two parts is considered an average score.



2020-21 SAT Administration Dates and Deadlines

SAT Date	SAT Subject Tests Available	Registration Deadline	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>	Deadline for Changes
August 29, 2020 Register	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	July 31, 2020	<u>August 11, 2020</u> (for mailed registrations) <u>August 18, 2020</u> (for registrations made online or by phone)	August 18, 2020
September 26, 2020 Register	SAT Subject Tests not offered on this date	August 26, 2020	<u>September 15, 2020</u> (for registrations made online or by phone)	September 15, 2020
October 3, 2020 Register	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	September 4, 2020	<u>September 15, 2020</u> (for mailed registrations) <u>September 22, 2020</u> (for registrations made online or by phone)	September 22, 2020
November 7, 2020 Register	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	October 7, 2020	<u>October 20, 2020</u> (for mailed registrations) <u>October 27, 2020</u> (for registrations made online or by phone)	October 27, 2020
December 5, 2020 Register	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	November 5, 2020	<u>November 17, 2020</u> (for mailed registrations) <u>November 24, 2020</u> (for registrations made online or by phone)	November 24, 2020

American College Test (ACT)

- The ACT contains four multiple-choice tests—English, mathematics, reading, and science—and an optional writing test.
- The ACT is designed to measure skills that are most important for success in postsecondary education and that are acquired in secondary education.
- Required by some colleges for admission but mainly colleges in the West and the South.
- The ACT covers more content than just Math and Critical Reading so students may score higher on the ACT.
- Scores range from 1-36 and a 19 is comparable to a 1000 on the SAT.



2020-2021 Test Dates (National)

National Test Dates for 2020-2021 will not open for registration until July 2020.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 12, 2020	August 14	August 15 -August 28
September 13, 2020	TBD	
September 19, 2020	TBD	
October 10, 2020	TBD	
October 17, 2020	TBD	
October 24, 2020	September 18	September 19 - October 2
October 25, 2020	TBD	
December 12, 2020	November 6	November 7 - November 20

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

- The ASVAB is a 2 and ½ hour test on coding speed, working knowledge, math, tool knowledge, mechanical comprehension, automotive information, and electronics information. The ASVAB tests are designed to measure aptitudes in four domains: Verbal, Math, Science and Technical, and Spatial.
- Your scores in four critical areas: Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, and Mathematics Knowledge – count towards your Armed Services Qualifying Test (AFQT) score. This score determines whether you're qualified to join the US Military. Your scores in the other areas of the ASVAB will determine how qualified you are for certain military occupational specialties and Enlistment Bonuses.
- Nationwide many schools have all 11th grade students take the ASVAB as a career planning tool.
- Scores help students identify their strengths and thus determine careers to explore and consider.



Post-Secondary Plans

Seniors Meetings

- Senior meetings will begin early fall (September/October) with Ms. Tanner
- Ms. Tanner will meet with seniors and their parent(s)/guardian(s) to discuss post-secondary plans and review individual needs for graduation

Multiple Paths after Graduation:

- Employment
- Military
- 4-Year College/University
- 2-Year College
- Trade School
- Peace Corp/Foreign Exchange



College Search

- Have SAT/ACT scores sent directly to colleges you are interested in directly through: collegeboard.com
- Big Future on College Board Website
 - Fee waivers for college applications available through Ms. Tanner
- Naviance
- Resources in the Counseling Office



Early Decision:

Applying to your ONE first choice college.

By applying early decision, you are **committing yourself to that one college**. You sign a document saying if you are accepted at this institution, you will withdraw all other applications and will attend that college.

Early Action:

Decisions are made by the colleges before the regular admission deadline.

This is **non-binding**.

You may apply early action to multiple colleges. You will have until late spring to let the college know if you will be attending.



Terms to know

Naviance

Please contact Ms. Tanner via email: ctanner@gmucsd.org to obtain your username/password.

- College Tab:
 - SuperMatch
 - CollegeMatch:
 - Colleges looking for students like you/Colleges Other Students Like/Colleges that have Accepted Students like you; Ability to favorite colleges/institutions/universities/; Connect with college (option to share email, phone number, address, majors of interest)
 - Under Colleges: Research Colleges: College Visits – in the fall college visits will be posted here to alert you (visit information will indicate college/date/time/location and if virtual: URL will be posted)
- Career Tab:
 - Career Cluster Finder
 - Career Interest Profiler



Stay on track!

- Plan ahead
- Remember: there are many paths to follow. College is not the best choice for everyone.
- Explore all your options.
- Be patient
- Foster responsibility
- Take deadlines seriously!
- If you need help, please ask!!



SAT & ACT Deadlines:

August 2020
September 2020
October 2020
November 2020, etc –
Review slides 10 & 12

Individual Planning Meetings

September/October 2020

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

October 2020

FAFSA Night:

October 2020

FAFSA Application Night:

October/November 2020

College Applications:

October/November 2020

Scholarships:

Beginning in the fall, with the majority becoming available starting January 2021 and throughout the spring

Things to keep an eye out for:



Pay close attention to application requirements for Fall 2021

SUNY has made a decision to **temporarily suspend SAT/ACT testing requirements** for high school seniors intending to enroll at a SUNY bachelor's degree-granting campus (a 4-year college/university) for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Note: This temporary change of admission eligibility requirements **applies to the spring 2021, fall 2021, and spring 2022 cycles only**.

Also included in the list:

- **Washington University:** one-year policy will allow Fall 2021 applicants to decide whether or not to provide standardized test scores when they submit their application.
- **College of New Jersey:** test-optional policy for students applying to the College as first-year students beginning with the 2020-2021 admission cycle.
- **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:** applicants in the fall of 2021 or the spring of 2022 will be able to choose whether or not to submit SAT or ACT scores.
- **Alfred University:** test-optional for students seeking admission in the fall of 2021.
- **Adelphi University:** applicants have the option but not the requirement to submit the SAT or ACT for fall 2021 and spring 2022 admission.
- **Clarkson University:** test optional for Fall 2021 admissions.
- **Colgate University:** the submission of SAT and ACT scores will be optional for all fall 2021 applicants to the University.
- And many more!



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questions/concerns:

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