

Reach High Scholars Program

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August 24, 2018

Dear Families of RHS Sophomores & Juniors:

Reach High Scholars Program and Academic Approach will be conducting PSAT Prep Classes for sophomores and juniors on three consecutive Saturdays (Sept. 22nd and 29th and Oct. 6th), leading up to the test on Oct. 10th. The classes will be at RHS, starting at 10:15 and ending by 12:15. This course is available for all sophomores and juniors at RHS.

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be given at Raymond High School on Wednesday, October 10th to sophomores and juniors. The test takes 2 3/4 hours. It consists of a 60-minute reading test, a 35-minute writing and language test and a 70-minute math test. **The test will be mandatory for Juniors.**

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT as a sophomore is good risk-free practice for when a student takes it again as a junior. PSAT scores give a first benchmark for deciding which colleges are realistic to consider.

There are several reasons for juniors to do well on the test:

- o The 2018 PSAT scores will be used to compete for National Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 2019. The 2017 scores will not be considered.
- o The Advanced Studies Program and other summer enrichment programs require them.
- o PSAT scores in the junior year tend to be higher due to more course work and PSAT prep.
- o The PSAT is great practice for the SAT Test that is mandatory for all NH students in April of their junior year. The PSAT and SAT Tests have similar question-types, content and scoring, making it possible to track a student's progress.

Academic Approach

Academic Approach (<http://www.academicapproach.com/>) is a national company that provides test preparation in classrooms and in individual tutoring sessions. Their clients include public schools, charter schools and private day and boarding schools and they work with students from a wide range of economic backgrounds.

This is the sixth year in which AA will be conducting our Boot Camps. They became interested in working with RHSP because of our initiatives and college admission successes, which are unique for a small high school and compatible with AA's approach to test prep. They have just two clients in NH: RHSP and Phillips Exeter Academy. **RHSP and AA provide RHS students with the most extensive on-site PSAT and SAT Prep of any high school in New Hampshire.**

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Permission to Receive Scores

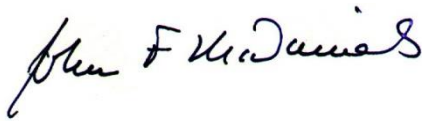
As part of the college preparation process, Academic Approach continually monitors the progress of students and the construct of its lessons by reviewing the trend of scores on the Diagnostic Tests and students' scores on Official PSA and SAT Tests.

RHS receives the official scores from College Board for each student and can provide them to RHSP and Academic Approach with your permission. Authorization for this is provided on the Application Form.

Fees and Application Form

The fee for the PSAT Prep Course is \$90, with possible reductions based on household income. **Please complete the Application Form attached to this letter and return it by September 18th to Shawna Stilian, College & Career Counselor at RHS, with a check in the appropriate amount.** Please contact RHSP Program Director Elizabeth Holcomb at eholcomb810@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. McDaniels". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

John McDaniels
Chairman, Reach High Scholars Program

Reach High Scholars Program Fall SAT Boot Camp for Seniors Application Form

The fee for the course is \$90, with possible reductions based on household income.

Please complete this application and return it, by September 18th to Shawna Stilian, College & Career Counselor at RHS, with a check in the appropriate amount payable to Reach High Scholars Program.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's E-mail Address: _____

Student's Name _____

Student's E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

(street)

(town)

(zip code)

Telephone Numbers:

Home: _____ Parent's Cell: _____ Student's Cell: _____

Financial Aid: For applicants desiring financial aid, please indicate your total annual household income for 2017 (before deduction for taxes, Social Security, insurance or other items):

\$ _____; number of persons in your household: _____.

SAT Prep Reduced Fee Guidelines

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Fee:</u>	<u>\$65.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
		<u>Annual Income</u>	
1		22,459	15,782
2		30,451	21,398
3		38,443	27,014
4		46,435	32,630
5		54,427	38,246
6		64,419	43,862
7		70,411	49,478
8		78,413	55,094
Each additional		7,992	5,616

Permission to Receive Scores: Academic Approach and Reach High Scholars Program are authorized to receive the Student's scores on official PSAT and SAT tests from Raymond High School.

(parent/guardian's signature)

(date)

(student's signature)

(date)

Sign here if you do not want your child to appear in promotional materials

(parent/guardian's signature)

(date)



Reach High Scholars

PSAT Prep Course for Sophomores & Juniors

conducted by

Academic Approach

Place: RHS Room 230

Classes: September 22nd, 29th & October 6th (10:15 AM - 12:15 PM)

Teacher: Eric Misiano

Apply by: Tuesday, September 18th

Materials: Please bring pencils and a calculator

PSAT Test: October 10th

Applications were emailed to students and parents. Copies can be obtained from Shawna Stilian, RHS College & Career Counselor or Elizabeth Holcomb, Program Director of Reach High Scholars Program (eholcomb810@gmail.com; 603 285 5173).

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