

UNDERCLASS COUNSELING NEWS

RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2026

CLASS OF 2027

CLASS OF 2028

EVENTS

Fall Break- October 7-14
Beginning of the Second Nine Weeks
October 15
Junior ACT- October 29
Sophomore PreACT- October 29
Freshman- WorkKeys

ACT FEE WAIVERS

Each Junior and Senior who qualifies is allowed 4 fee waivers to take the ACT test. Students must meet the requirements for free and reduced lunch. Even if you do not eat lunch or leave before lunch you need to complete the free or reduced lunch paperwork to be eligible to take advantage of these fee waivers.

ACT TEST DATES



TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico

2024/2025

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	When School and 90-day deadline
September 16, 2024	August 9	August 25	September 6
October 16, 2024	September 28	October 7	October 18
November 16, 2024	November 8	November 22	December 6
February 6, 2025	January 3	January 20	January 18
April 6, 2025	February 28	March 16	March 28
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 28	June 6
July 15, 2025*	June 6	June 20	July 4

*The last test date is subject to change. See the registration page.

Test information released for the 2024-2025 testing year will occur in September, December, and February. See www.act.org/test-dates for more information.

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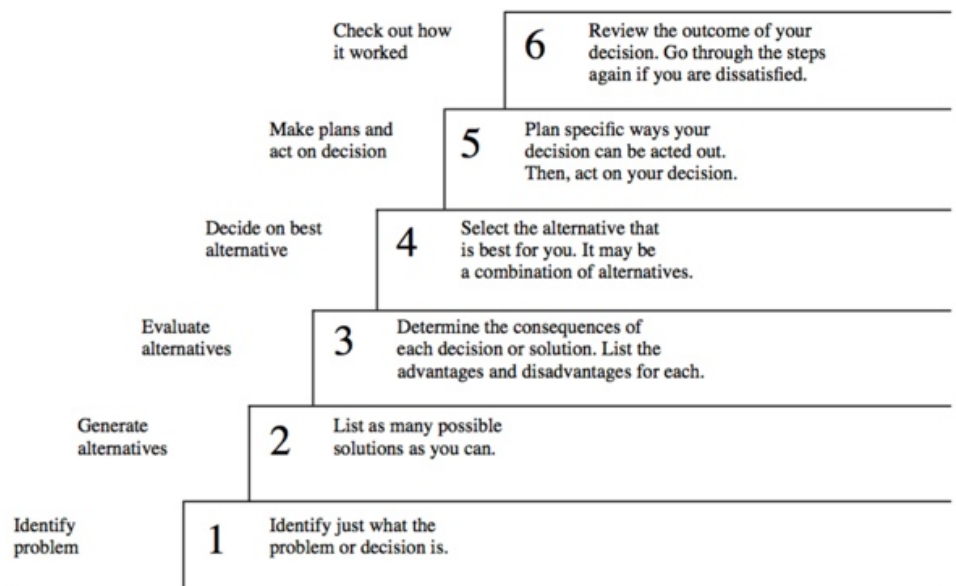
THE TIME IS NOW!

The first nine weeks is almost complete! Now is the time to be worried about GPAs. It is much more difficult to bring your GPA up as a Senior than it is now!

Every year counts! You are setting the foundation for your future! Consider the following areas that colleges and employers will consider as they search for the best students and employees. Plan the next four years with these goals in mind:

- **Citizenship**- Involves high standards of attitude and behavior in and out of the classroom.
- **Leadership**- Is being responsible for the proper functions of a group. A leader leads by example, so recognize leadership as a responsibility, not just an honor.
- **Activities**- Involvement is joining extracurricular activities to expand your world.
- **Service**- The unselfish act of becoming involved in the community around you through volunteer service and charity events.
- **Scholarship**- Revolves around your grades. Your GPA is the numerical average of all you semester grades in all courses taken that receive a Carnegie unit.

Steps in decision making



COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING

Whether you choose to go to college, join the military, or enter the workforce you are going to need to have a high school diploma to be successful. Below are some things that will help you make it to graduation and beyond!

Create a file folder to include:

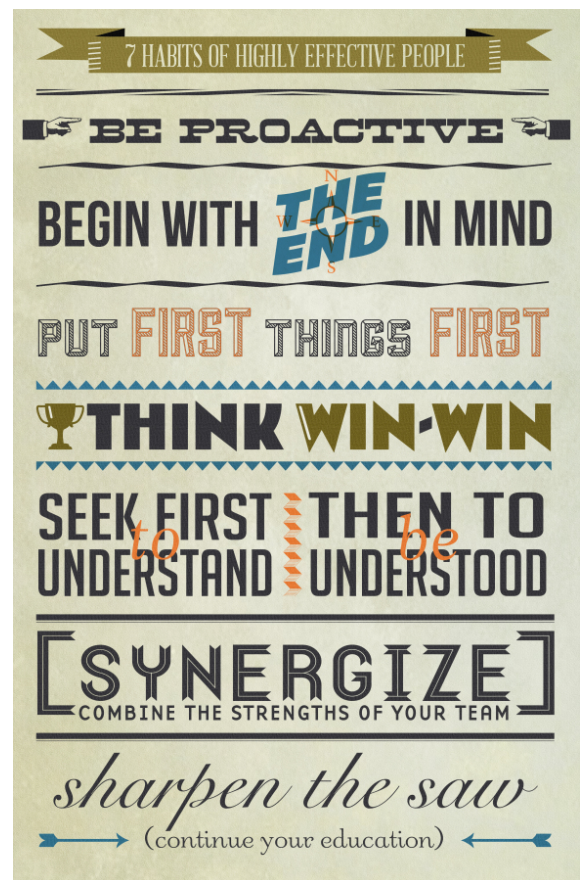
- Copies of report cards
- A list of awards and honors you have receive
- A list of school clubs and community organizations you join, including dates of participation and any office you held
- A list of jobs you have held (volunteer and/or paid)

What do you need to do to be prepared?

- Learn how you study best! We all learn differently. Do you need flashcards? Do you need to read the material twice?
- Make good grades!
- Choose courses on the standard or advanced graduation plan. Talk to your counselor for help.
- Start exploring possible college majors for careers you are interested in pursuing.
- Get involved! Join clubs, sports, enrichment programs, and more!

WEBSITES

- mississippi.edu/financialaid
- get2college.org
- act.org
- collegeboard.com
- fastweb.com
- <http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu>



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