



February 26, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's that time of the year again: time for our sophomore students to take the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT), and for our freshmen to take the practice CAPT.

Please review the following schedule which impacts **ALL** grades at Danbury High School over a two week period of time. There is also a change to a day previously advertised as an early dismissal day,

The early dismissal originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 so that teachers may participate in professional development.

We will be administering the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) to all sophomores during the first two weeks of March. During the same testing time period, all freshmen will be involved in a simulated testing/learning experience. We will also be retesting juniors and seniors who did not meet the goal on one or more sections of last year's test. In short, during the testing period of March 2-11, most students will be testing for part of the day. The testing schedule is as follows:

Date	Test
Tuesday, March 2	Interdisciplinary Writing I Reading for Information
Wednesday, March 3	Response to Literature Editing
Thursday, March 4	Interdisciplinary Writing II Supplemental (Response to Literature)
Friday, March 5	Make up day
Monday, March 8	Make up day
Tuesday, March 9	Mathematics I Science I
Wednesday, March 10	Science II Mathematics II
Thursday, March 11	Make up day
Friday, March 12	Make up day

- Freshmen & sophomores must report to school at regular starting time. Testing will begin promptly at 7:20 a.m.
- Juniors & seniors who do not need to be retested and do not require bus transportation, may arrive to school at 10:20 on testing days.
- Juniors & seniors who drive and arrive to school before 10:20 a.m. should report to the cafeteria.
- Juniors & seniors who ride the bus to school will arrive at the regular time and will report to the cafeteria.

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CAPT is a state-mandated series of exams for all sophomores in Connecticut. The state mandates the days that schools must administer the Interdisciplinary Writing, Response to Literature, and Reading for Information tests. It is absolutely essential that all sophomores participate in all sections of CAPT. If a student misses any section of the test, he/she will be required to make up the test on the designated days before returning to regular classes. If school is closed/delayed, then the test will be administered the next day and a regular schedule will be followed.

Freshmen will participate in simulated testing experiences following the same schedule as sophomores. This will provide all freshmen with the opportunity to take an actual CAPT test used in previous years and then receive immediate feedback from teachers on student strengths and areas in need of improvement. These tests will count as quiz grades for all freshmen. Our objective is to help all freshmen understand the test design, the skills and strategies needed to do well, and the opportunity to receive feedback on their performance before they have to take the actual test as sophomores.

**The Board of Education requires that students demonstrate Writing and Mathematics Literacy before graduating, and successful performance on the CAPT satisfies these requirements:**

#### Writing

Task – Students will show mastery of the writing standard by producing an essay that is focused, organized, elaborated, and edited for English conventions.

Mastery may be demonstrated in the following ways:

- **A score in Band 3, 4, or 5 on the Writing portion of CAPT or,**
- A verbal SAT score of 500 or above or,
- Successful completion of the Mastery Essay.

#### Mathematics Literacy

Task – Students will show mastery of the mathematics standard by demonstrating the ability to solve a multi-step mathematical problem.

Mastery may be demonstrated in the following ways:

- **A SCORE IN BAND 3, 4, or 5 on the math portion of the CAPT or,**
- A math PSAT/SAT score of 480 or above or,
- Successful completion of an advanced mathematics course or,
- Mastery on a performance based mathematics project.

It is critically important that students are well-rested and prepared to participate in these tests. Please take the time to speak with your children about the importance of the CAPT, and make sure that your children are in school on time each day and eat a healthy breakfast.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bob Rossi  
Principal