

Brien McMahon High School
2010 CAPT Information
Testing Dates: March 1-5, 8-10, 2010

ALL students—those taking and not taking CAPT will be on a special schedule as attached:

March 1-2:

Grade s 9, 11 and 12: 10:10 a.m. Late Arrival – 2:15 Regular Dismissal

Buses pick up 2 ½ hours later than normal morning schedule

Grade 10 and Test Takers: Regular Arrival: 7:25 a.m. (Cafeteria) – Regular 2:15 Dismissal

March 3-4, 9-10:

Grade 9, 11 and 12: 7:25 Regular Arrival - 10:50 a.m. Early Dismissal

Grade 10 and Test Takers: Late Arrival: 10:10 a.m. (Cafeteria) – Regular 2:15 Dismissal

Buses pick up 2 ½ hours later than normal morning schedule

Why is CAPT important?

All students in the Norwalk Public Schools must pass CAPT in order to graduate from high school. The score range for CAPT is 1–5. To pass, a student must get 3 or above. The score of 3 indicates proficiency.

How many tests are there?

CAPT has 4 parts – Reading, Writing, Math, and Science. There are two sessions of Math, two sessions of Science, two parts of Reading (Reading for Information and Response to Literature), and three parts of Writing (2 Interdisciplinary Essays and 1 part of Editing and Revising).

Who must take CAPT?

All 10th graders in the state of Connecticut are required to take CAPT. Also, any 11th grader who did not score at least 3 on any section of the test must retake that section. Also, any 11th grader who would like to retake a section of the test, so he/she can become a CAPT Master (scoring 4 or above on all 4 sections), should see Ms. Michailidis, Housemaster

When will I find out if my child passed?

We will receive the scores in late summer. We hope to send you your child's scores in September.

Why is there a special schedule for CAPT?

The test is long and difficult. Therefore, the Board of Education has a special school-day schedule for the days of the CAPT. Please check the BMHS website and the February issue of the *School Newsletter* for the detailed schedule.

How is my child getting prepared for CAPT?

Teachers in all subjects have been working on CAPT skills since 9th grade. Some students are enrolled in Enhancement classes to strengthen their skills, so they can perform better on the test.

What happens if my child misses any part of the CAPT?

Your child will receive no score for that entire section of the test. For example, if your child misses the Reading for Information test, he will receive no score in Reading. If he misses Editing and Revising, he will receive no score for Writing. If your child receives no score, your child cannot graduate.

What happens if my child is sick and can't come to school on the day of the test?

You must send in an absence note with your child the next day. Your child will be given the opportunity to make up the missed test.

Why will I receive a phone call from the school if my child is absent for testing?

We want to make sure that all students are in school, taking the test on the testing day. We also want to be sure that parents are aware when their children are absent from school. Finally, we want to remind you to send in an absence note; without a note, your child will be considered cutting school.

RE: 11th Graders :

How will I know if my 11th grader has to retake a section of the CAPT?

You will receive a letter in the mail telling you which test or tests your child must retake. Your child will also receive a notice in homeroom. If you are unsure, call your child's counselor.

Do 11th grade students follow the special schedule?

No, they do not. All 11th graders are expected to be in class at the regular time. After regular classes, they take the portion(s) of the CAPT test they did not pass.

What happens if my child simply cannot pass the CAPT?

In 12th grade, students will be offered the chance to take a Graduation Prep course for the subject they did not pass. This course is one quarter long, and each student is expected to submit a portfolio of required work. A panel of scorers will decide if the portfolio meets the graduation standard. If not, students are allowed to take Grad Prep one more time to pass if space is available.

CAPT Schedule of Testing on next page

Brien McMahon High School
2009 CAPT 10th Grade Student Schedule

Arrival: 10:10 a.m.(Cafeteria)
 Lunch: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.(30)
 Report to CAPT Test Rooms: 11:00 a.m.

Monday, March 2nd

Science – Session 1	
Directions	11:10-11:25 (15)
Exam	11:25-12:15 (50)
Break	12:15-12:35 (20)
Science - Session 2	
Directions	12:35-12:50 (15)
Exam	12:50-1:40 (50)
Collect/Count	1:40-2:10 (30)
Dismissal	2:15

Tuesday, March 3rd

Interdisciplinary I	
Directions	11:10-11:35 (25)
Exam	11:35-12:40 (65)
Break	12:40-1:00 (20)
Editing & Revising	
Directions	1:00-1:20 (20)
Exam	1:20-1:45 (25)
Collect/Count	1:45-2:10 (25)
Dismissal	2:15

Wednesday, March 4th

Response to Literature	
Directions	11:10-11:25 (15)
Exam	11:25-12:35 (70)
Break	12:35-12:50 (15)
Reading for Information	
Directions	12:50-1:05 (15)
Exam	1:05 -1:50 (45)
Collect/Count	1:50- 2:10 (20)
Dismissal	2:15

Thursday, March 5th

Interdisciplinary 2	
Directions	11:10-11:20 (10)
Exam	11:20-12:25 (65)
Break	12:25-12:35 (10)
Supplemental Math	
Directions	12:35-12:45 (10)
Exam	12:45-2:00 (75)
Collect/Count	2:00 – 2:10 (10)
Dismissal	2:15

Tuesday, March 10th

Math – Session I	
Breakfast	7:25-7:55 (30)
Directions	8:10-8:30 (20)
Exam	8:30-9:45 (75)
Collect/Count	9:45-10:10 (25)
Period 2(Att)	10:15-10:25 (10)
Period 3	10:29-11:05 (36)
Period 4	11:09 -11:45 (36)
Period 5	11:49-12:25 (36)
Period 6	12:29- 1:35 (67)
Period 7	1:39- 2:15 (34)

Lunch	
1 st -12:29-12:59 (30)	
2 nd -12:47- 1:17 (30)	
3 rd - 1:05- 1:35 (30)	

Wednesday, March 11th

Math – Session 2	
Breakfast	7:25-7:55 (30)
Directions	8:10-8:30 (20)
Exam	8:30-9:45 (75)
Collect/Count	9:45-10:10 (10)
Period 1	10:15-10:38 (23)
Period 2	10:42-11:07 (25)
Period 3	11:11 -11:34 (23)
Period 4	11:38-12:01 (23)
Period 6	12:05- 1:20 (75)
Period 5	1:24- 1:47 (23)
Period 7	1:51- 2:15 (24)

Lunch	
1 st -12:05-12:35	
2 nd -12:30-1:00	
3 rd -12:50-1:20	

