

COLLEGE TESTING




Fall 2023
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AGENDA

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 - ▶ College Board
 - ▶ ACT
 - ▶ College Admissions
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 - ▶ Receiving accommodations on SAT/ACT
 - ▶ Questions
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Allow colleges to compare students to other students who attend high schools all over the country.



Required by some 4 year colleges as part of a college application.



Not required, in general, by 2 year colleges.

COLLEGE TESTS





History of the SAT: **A Timeline**

1900

Formation of the College Board

Formation of the College Entrance Examination Board in 1900. This organization, set up by presidents of 12 leading universities administers admissions tests. The purpose is to standardize the admissions process administratively and to force New England boarding schools to adopt a uniform curriculum. In 1901, the first College Boards were conducted. Exams were done in essay format for specific subject areas. [Sample some questions from the 1901 test.](#)

HISTORY AND IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

1923-
1926

Carl Brigham invents the SAT

Carl C. Brigham, who worked with Yerkes on the Army IQ tests, publishes a book, [A Study of American Intelligence](#), on the results. Brigham's book analyzes the findings by race and concludes that American education is declining "and will proceed with an accelerating rate as the racial mixture becomes more and more extensive."

Around this time, Brigham also administers his own objective version of the Army test to Princeton freshmen as well as to applicants to Cooper Union, an all-scholarship technical college in New York City. The College Board then puts him in charge of a committee to develop a test that could be used by a wider group of schools. This test becomes the SAT. In 1926 the SAT is administered to high school students for the first time. [Sample some questions from 1926 test.](#)

HISTORY AND IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

FairTest

The National Center for Fair & Open Testing

Test Optional and Test Free College List

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2	Abilene Christian University	Abilene	TX	Test Optional	6		ww
3	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Tifton	GA	Test Optional		2024	htt
4	Abraham Lincoln University	Glendale	CA	Test Optional			
5	Academy College	Minneapolis	MN	Test Optional	3		ac
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8	Adelphi University	Garden City	NY	Test Optional		2028	ad
9	Adrian College	Adrian	MI	Test Optional		2024	ad
10	AdventHealth University	Orlando	FL	Test Optional	1		ww
11	Agnes Scott College	Decatur	GA	Test Optional			ww
12	Alabama A & M University	Normal	AL	Test Optional	3		htt
13	Alabama State University	Montgomery	AL	Test Optional	6		ww
14	Alaska Pacific University	Anchorage	AK	Test Free			ww


Schools That Require Applicants to Submit SAT/ACT Scores

National Universities

School	"Middle 50" SAT Scores	"Middle 50" ACT Scores	U.S. News Rank
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1520-1580	35-36	2
Georgetown University (DC)	1390-1560	32-35	22 (tie)
University of Florida	1300-1490	28-33	28 (tie)
Georgia Institute of Technology	1370-1550	31-35	33 (tie)
Purdue University—Main Campus (IN)	1200-1470	27-34	43 (tie)
University of Georgia	1220-1420	27-32	47 (tie)
Florida State University	1210-1370	26-31	53 (tie)
University of South Florida	1140-1330	24-29	89 (tie)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	1170-1330	25-31	105 (tie)
Florida International University	1060-1250	21-26	124 (tie)

COLLEGE BOARD

PSAT/NMSQT


- ▶ Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
 - ▶ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
 - ▶ “Practice” SAT
 - ▶ Great way to preview and prepare for college admissions tests
 - ▶ The “experience”
 - ▶ Receive free personalized study recommendations
 - ▶ Typically taken by juniors in Fall of 11th grade
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COLLEGE BOARD

SAT

Spring 2024,
the SAT is
moving to
fully digital

- ▶ 2 Sections
 - ▶ Evidence Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)
 - ▶ Reading – read passages followed by multiple-choice questions about each passage
 - ▶ Writing and Language – read passages and find/fix mistakes and weaknesses through answering multiple choice questions
 - ▶ Math - Multiple Choice and Grid in questions as well as Calculator and No Calculator Sections
- ▶ 400 – 1600 score scale
 - ▶ Sum of ELA and Math score (out of 800 each)
- ▶ \$60 for each test (*late registration \$30*)
 - Students on free/reduced lunch qualify for a fee waiver
- ▶ Typically taken for first time in spring of junior year
 - ▶ Retake fall of senior year

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1. Student goes to www.collegeboard.org to create or log into their account.
 2. Complete online registration.
 - You'll enter identifying information (profile, coursework, activities, etc).
 - Select a date/location and confirm.
 - Upload a photo that meets specific requirements.
 3. Check out.
 4. If you want any colleges to automatically receive your scores, you can add 4 for free at the time of registration – 9 days after taking the test.

SAT REGISTRATION



SAT PREPARATION

[Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)



Khan Academy

Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy is free, comprehensive, and available to all students.

[Go to Khan Academy](#)



Practice Tests

Get free, downloadable SAT practice tests online or on paper.

[Start Practicing](#)




Digital SAT Practice

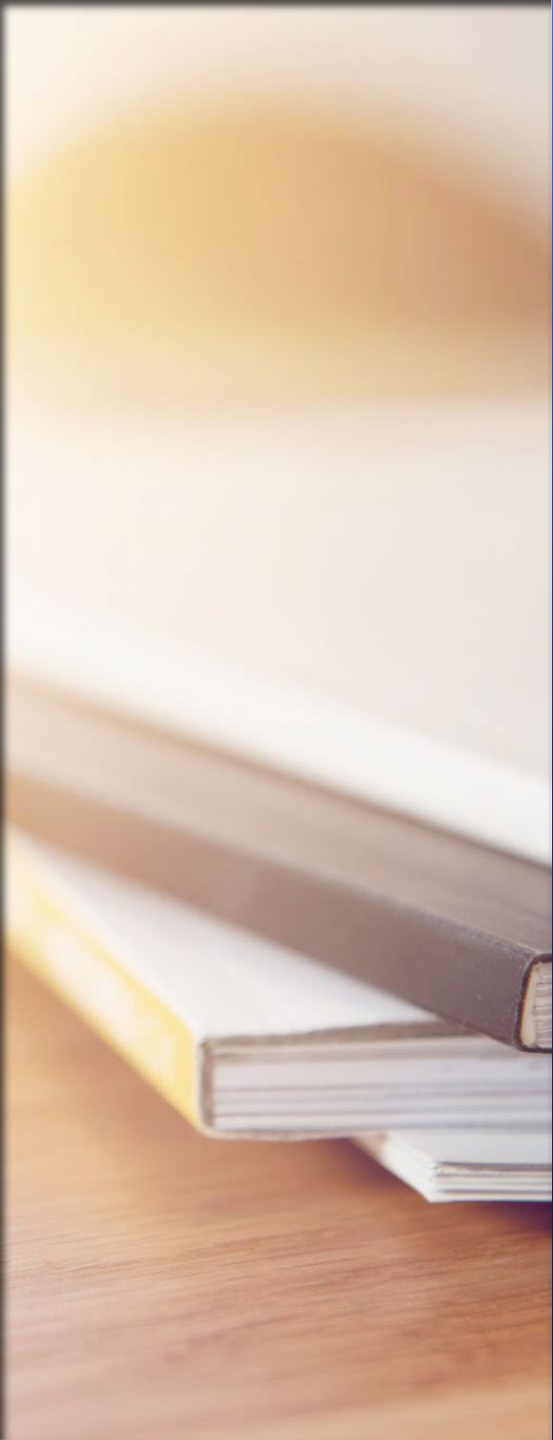
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ACT

- ▶ 4 Sections
 - ▶ Reading – measures ability to read closely, reason logically about texts using evidence, and integrate information from multiple resources through multiple choice questions
 - ▶ English – measures ability to revise and edit texts through multiple choice questions
 - ▶ Math – Multiple Choice Questions with calculator allowed
 - ▶ Science – measures interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning and problem-solving skills through multiple choice questions
 - ▶ 1 (low) to 36 (high) scaled score
 - ▶ Optional essay score separately
 - ▶ \$63 for each test (*late registration \$36*)
 - ▶ Students on free/reduced lunch qualify for a fee waiver
 - ▶ Typically taken for first time in spring of junior year
 - ▶ Retake fall of senior year
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- ▶ Students should go to [my.ACT.org](https://my.act.org) and create (or log in) to an account.
 - ▶ Enter if you need accommodations/supports (IEP, 504, ELL).
 - ▶ Choose your test (with or without essay), location, and date.
 - ▶ Upload your photo and provide information about yourself, your grades/classes taken, and what you are looking for in a college.
 - ▶ Decide if you want to send your scores directly to any colleges (4 for free).
 - ▶ Fill in preferences about ACT communication with parents.
 - ▶ Check out and print Admission Ticket.

ACT REGISTRATION



ACT PREPARATION

MY.ACT.ORG

ACT Free Online Tests

Free online test practice program designed to help students get their best score possible on the ACT test.



Launch ACT Free Online Tests [↗](#)



Question of the Day



Sample test questions [↗](#)



Structure

Reading

Writing & Language

Math

3 hours

5 reading passages

None

Covers:

Arithmetic

Algebra I & II

Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis

Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.

None

Scored on a scale of 400-1600

English

Math

Reading

Science Reasoning

Essay (Optional)

2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay)

3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)

4 reading passages

1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)

Covers:

Arithmetic

Algebra I & II

Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probability & Statistics

You can use a calculator on all math questions.

Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.

Scored on a scale of 1-36

SAT VS ACT


Calculator Policy

Scored



Test Structure	Reading	English
	Writing & Language	Math
	Math	Reading
		Science Reasoning Essay (Optional)
Length	3 hours	2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay)
		3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Reading	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
Math	Covers: Arithmetic	Covers: Arithmetic
	Algebra I & II	Algebra I & II
	Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis	Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probability & Statistics
Calculator Policy	Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.	You can use a calculator on all math questions.
Essays	None	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.
How It's Scored	Scored on a scale of 400-1600	Scored on a scale of 1-36

General Timeline

1. Take the PSAT in the fall of junior year
 2. Study utilizing CollegeBoard and ACT materials
 3. Take an ACT and/or an SAT during the spring of junior year
 - Potentially retake one in the fall of senior year
 4. Include scores as part of the college application process
 - “Test optional” schools
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2023-2024 TEST DATES AT IHS

TEST	EXAM DATE	STUDENTS TO TAKE
<u>PSAT</u>	October 14	Juniors
<u>SAT</u>	October 7 November 4 December 2 March 9 (<i>Digital</i>) May 4 (<i>Digital</i>) June 1 (<i>Digital</i>)	Seniors Seniors Seniors/Juniors Juniors Juniors Juniors
<u>ACT</u>	October 28 Dec 9 Feb 10 April 13 June 8	Seniors Seniors/Juniors Juniors Juniors Juniors

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS



PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN ADMISSION DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2023

	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
High school grades in college prep courses	185	76.8	15.1	4.9	3.2
Total high school grades (all courses)	185	74.1	18.9	5.4	1.6
Strength of high school curriculum	185	63.8	22.7	10.3	3.2
Positive character attributes	184	28.3	37.5	18.5	15.8
Essay or writing sample	185	18.9	37.3	26.5	17.3
Student's interest in attending	185	15.7	27.6	25.4	31.4
Counselor recommendation	185	11.9	40.0	27.6	20.5
Teacher recommendation	185	10.8	40.5	28.1	20.5
Extracurricular activities	185	6.5	44.3	30.8	18.4
High school class rank	183	5.5	22.4	43.2	29.0
Admission test scores (ACT, SAT)	185	4.9	25.4	38.9	30.8
Portfolio	185	4.9	10.8	24.3	60.0
Interview	185	4.3	8.6	32.4	54.6
Work	185	2.2	30.8	40.0	27.0
State graduation exam scores	185	1.6	6.5	18.4	73.5
Subject test scores (AP, IB)	185	1.1	22.2	25.9	50.8

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Items to be sent by IHS Counseling Center (check all the apply)

Official High School Transcript

Letters of Recommendation – Please list the last names of the specific school staff whose letters you would like sent. You should ensure you are following the specific college’s requirement.

Teachers:

Counselor

Other staff members:

Please note, if you had someone outside of IHS write you a letter, they can send it directly to the college. If you have questions, please email Mary_Campbell@westiron.monroe.edu

Test Scores – please check this box if you authorize IHS to send your UNOFFICIAL test scores. IHS will include all of the scores on record from each date taken. **DO NOT CLICK THIS BOX if:**

1. Official test scores are required – instead, you need to send them directly through College Board for SAT or through ACT.
2. You want to pick and choose what scores you send. Again, send them directly through College Board for SAT or through ACT.

I give permission for all documents indicated above to be sent to the listed College/Scholarship/Organization.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)

Date

RECEIVING TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS ON THE SAT AND/OR ACT

- SAT

- School Counselors submit a request for accommodations typically before January of Sophomore year
- Student assigned an SSD # to use at registration

- ACT

- At the time of registration, indicate you need accommodations and then contact your school counselor

Questions

