

College Entrance Exam Information

The [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) are college entrance tests for students planning to enter 4-year colleges and universities. Most colleges will accept either exam but check the college admissions requirement to verify. These tests should be taken spring of the junior year and fall of the senior year. Registration materials, test dates, locations, test strategies and practice tests are available through My Portfolio on the C.I.S. the Career Information website.

<http://www.collegeboard.org/>
<http://www.actstudent.org/>

Differences between the SAT and ACT:

The **SAT** is an aptitude test and is composed of ten-sections: three Critical Reading, three Math, three Writing, and one Experimental. The essay component is mandatory. The test is scored as 200-800 for each subject with 2400 being the highest possible score. The test is 3 hours and 45 minutes long.

Wrong answers are penalized so no wild guessing!

The **ACT** is curriculum based and is composed of four sections: English, Math, Reading and Science. The essay component is optional. The test is scored as 1-36 with 36 being the highest possible score. The test is approximately 3 hours long (add a half-hour if taking the optional essay component).

Wrong answers are not penalized so fill in all answer questions.

For practice ACT and SAT tests, please click the link for a list of websites!

<http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/>
<http://www.petersons.com/college-search/free-act-practice-test.aspx>
<https://www.number2.com/exams/act/companion/preview/index.cfm?s=0>
<http://www.kaptest.com/College/Learn-and-Discuss/index.html?cid=78448>
<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/free-act-practice-test.aspx>
<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/online-sat-test-prep.aspx>
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The [PSAT \(Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test\)](#) is offered once a year in October. Juniors should take it for possible scholarships in the [National Merit Scholarship Program](#). Sophomores can take it for practice. The Idaho Department of Education will pay for all sophomore tests. The juniors need to sign up and fill out a registration form with a check for \$14.00.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.htm>

<http://www.nationalmerit.org/>

The [PLAN](#) program helps 9th and 10th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provides information to help better prepare for the ACT test.

<http://www.act.org/planstudent/>

The [Compass Test](#) is a placement test used by the 2-year colleges. COMPASS is a comprehensive testing system that helps place students into appropriate courses at the 2-year college level. The Compass Test is offered at CWI Canyon County Center for \$5.00/test. Three tests (reading, writing, and math) are required. Plan on 1 1/2 hours to take the tests. Please bring photo ID and cash.

<http://www.act.org/products/higher-education-act-compass/>

ACT SAT Test Registration & Cost Information

- SAT: \$51.00 (register at www.collegeboard.com) Late registration is \$78.50
- ACT: \$36.50 without writing and \$52.50 with writing (register at www.actstudent.org) Late registration fee add \$23.00.

2013-2014 SAT Test Dates

2013-14 Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late (a fee is applied)
October 5, 2013	SAT & Subject Tests	September 6, 2013	September 20, 2013
November 2, 2013	SAT & Subject Tests	October 3, 2013	October 18, 2013
December 7, 2013	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2013	November 22, 2013
January 25, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	December 27, 2013	January 10, 2014
March 8, 2014	SAT only	February 7, 2014	February 21, 2014
May 3, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	April 4, 2014	April 18, 2014
June 7, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	May 9, 2014	May 23, 2014

How do I register for the SAT?

SAT registration deadlines fall approximately five weeks before each test date. To register by mail, fill out the registration form in the College Board's *Bulletin for the SAT Program*. You can get a free copy of this publication from your school's guidance counselor. Or you can call ETS at 609-771-7600 and they'll send you one free of charge. You can also register online at the College Board website. The Idaho Department of Education provides a free SAT test for all juniors in April. This test will be proctored at the high school during school hours.

2013-2014 ACT Test Dates

2013-14 Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	
	Regular	Late (a fee is applied)
September 21, 2013	August 23, 2013	August 24-Sept. 6, 2013
October 26, 2013	September 27, 2013	September 28-Oct. 11, 2013
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 9-22, 2013
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014	January 11-24, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 8-21, 2014
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<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/online-sat-test-prep.aspx>

<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/sat-test-preparation.aspx>

<https://www.march2success.com/index.cfm>