

College Entrance & Practice Test Information

There are several types of college tests available. Read below for a description about each test, how much they cost and when they're available. Internet addresses are provided for additional information.



PLAN: Preliminary Test of the American College Testing Program

The PLAN is an assessment of achievement, interest, study skills and student information. It aids in career and educational planning and includes 4 sections: writing skills, math, reading and science reasoning. The test is intended for sophomores in high school. PLAN is **not** used for college admissions. Ask your school counselor or career counselor if PLAN is available at your school. More information can be found on the ACT website at www.act.org



ACT:

The ACT test measures knowledge and skills acquired during high school. It includes questions in English, math, reading and science reasoning. It's recommended that you take the ACT in the spring of your junior year or fall of your senior year. There are additional fees for late registration, standby testing, changing test centers or test dates, and for additional services and products. Additional information and testing dates for the current year are available online at www.act.student.org



PSAT: Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

The PSAT measures a student's ability to do college work. The PSAT is a short form of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and measures verbal, mathematical and writing skills. It's recommended that you take the PSAT as a junior or sophomore in high school. For students who are enrolled in honors courses, it is recommended to take the PSAT as a sophomore. The PSAT is also the qualifying test for scholarship competition for juniors called the National Merit Scholarship. The PSAT is not used for college admissions. Check with your school counselor about dates and cost of the PSAT. More information can be found on the SAT website at www.collegeboard.com



SAT I:

The SAT Reasoning Test is a measure of critical thinking skills and assesses how well you analyze and solve problems. Each edition of the SAT includes critical reading, math, and a writing section. It is recommended that you take the SAT in the spring of your junior year or the fall of your senior year. Many colleges on the west or east coast require SAT scores for admission. More information can be found on the SAT website at www.collegeboard.org



SAT II:

This SAT test is a subject test that measures knowledge and application of knowledge for specific subject areas. It's recommended that you take the SAT II in the spring of your junior or fall of your senior year. The SAT II is required for admissions at many colleges on the east and west coasts and all military academies. Additional information and testing dates are available online at www.collegeboard.com



ASVAB: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

The ASVAB is an interest inventory test sponsored by the U.S. Military. The test helps students match their interest and abilities with careers in the military and civilian worlds. The ASVAB is available for juniors and seniors at no cost. The ASVAB is typically offered at high schools, so check with your school counselor or career center for availability.



COMPASS Test is a comprehensive, computer-adaptive testing system that helps place students into appropriate courses and maximizes the information postsecondary schools need to ensure student success. It is commonly used by community colleges and vocational schools.