



SAT or ACT?!?

Most four-year colleges require you to take the SAT or the ACT and will accept either. Your scores are considered as part of admission decisions. Your scores may also determine course placement or be used in academic advising. Scores can also be used to determine eligibility for scholarships, loans, and other forms of financial assistance.

Two-year colleges usually do not require ACT or SAT scores. If you have scores, some schools may use them for academic advising or to determine course placement. If you are thinking of starting at a two-year college and transferring to a four-year college, some four-year colleges may want your scores at transfer time.

It is recommended that you take one of the tests in your junior year (or early in your senior year) while you are studying the type of material that you will find on the tests. If you test twice, colleges will take your highest score. If you test more than twice, they may average the scores.

A brief comparison of the two tests:

| SAT | ACT |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ \$49.50 for SAT Test➤ \$64.50 for test with a short essay➤ Late registration fee \$30➤ Includes scores reported to four colleges (eight with fee waiver) if selected at registration➤ \$12 each for additional score reports or reports requested outside registration period. Waiver allows unlimited.➤ Test sections:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 50% evidence based reading & writing○ 50% math (through Algebra 2) with student produced responses➤ No penalty for wrong answers <p>www.sat.collegeboard.org</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ \$68.00 for ACT Plus Writing (or \$52.00 for ACT without writing)➤ Late registration fee \$30➤ Includes scores reported to four colleges; additional score reports \$13 each.➤ Check http://www.actstudent.org/writing/ to find out if your college requires the writing test.➤ Multiple choice test sections:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ English: 75 questions○ Reading: 40 questions○ Math: 60 questions○ Science: 40 questions➤ No penalty for wrong answers➤ You will have seven sub-scores. <p>www.actstudent.org</p> |

☞ Both tests require you to **register well before the test date to ensure a space**. 2020-21 test dates are on the back of this page. Check the SAT and ACT websites or ask your TRIO Advisor if you have any questions.

☞ Both tests require you to upload a photo of yourself as part of the registration process. See detailed requirements at: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/photo-requirements> for SAT and <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/add-photo.html> for ACT.

☞ Both tests offer free test preparation and test taking tips on their websites and in printed booklets, available through your school counselor's office or from Talent Search.

☞ **ALWAYS check with the colleges you're interested in for their testing requirements.**

For additional information, please visit the SAT and ACT web sites.

2020-21 ACT & SAT Testing Dates

ACT: Cost: \$52 for basic test, \$68.00 for ACT Plus with Writing. You can register for the ACT online at www.actstudent.org or by mail.

| Test Dates | Registration Deadline | Last day to register paying \$30 late fee | Nearest testing location(s) and codes |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Oct. 24, 2020 | | | |
| Dec. 12, 2020 | | | |
| Feb. 6, 2021 | | | |
| Apr. 17, 2021 | | | |
| June 12, 2021 | | | |
| July 17, 2021 | | | |

SAT: Cost \$64.50 for the SAT Test with Essay, \$49.50 for the SAT without Essay. You can register for the SAT online at www.collegeboard.com or by mail.

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Last day to register paying \$30 late fee | Nearest testing location(s) and codes |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Aug. 29, 2020 | | | |
| Oct. 3, 2020 | | | |
| Nov. 7, 2020 | | | |
| Dec. 5, 2020 | | | |
| Mar. 13, 2021 | | | |
| May 8, 2021 | | | |
| June 5, 2021 | | | |

Fee Waivers: Can be obtained from your Talent Search/Upward Bound coordinator. Talk with them to see if you qualify.

High School Codes: AHS-380028; KHS-380030; SHS-381070; WHS-381235