

College Entrance Exams ACT and SAT

The tests primarily used for admission to college are the SAT and the ACT. The tests are used with your high school record to evaluate your level of academic knowledge. Although some colleges consider your high school grades and class rank, this criteria is subjective, meaning that schools vary and teachers vary. The SAT and ACT, however, are standardized. Colleges can compare your scores with 2 million students using the same criteria.

Should you take a college entrance exam? If so, which test should you take? Some colleges prefer the SAT and others prefer the ACT; some accept either test. Check the website of the college that you plan to attend to see which test they accept and/or prefer; also check to see if you need to take a Writing portion of the entrance exam. If you are planning to attend a two-year community college, check their website, you may not need either one, but will probably need to take THEA.

Plan ahead. The registration deadline is about a month before each test, so you must schedule your test taking in time to get results back for college admission deadlines.

Registration bulletins may be picked up from the high school office, or you may register online at www.collegeboard.com (for SAT) or www.actstudent.org (for ACT). With online registration, you can complete your registration 24/7 on any computer connected to the Internet. You get your admission ticket sooner. You have access to the most up-to-date list of locations so you can get the best choice of test centers. You will need to pay by credit card to register online.

SAT Reasoning Test (includes Writing) (\$45 fee)

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
October 10, 2009	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010

ACT Assessment (\$32 fee) & ACT Assessment Plus Writing (\$47 fee)

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
September 12, 2009	August 7, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010

Remember to put the **school code 445520** on the registration form so that a copy of your scores will be sent to us for your permanent file.