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JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING

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PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS

PSAT SCORE REPORT

Students will receive their PSAT/NMSQT Score Report in November via email from the College Board. The score report can assist in:

1. Receiving feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that would most benefit from additional study or practice.
2. Helping to prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.

TUTORING

Private tutoring offers individualized preparation. Private or small group tutoring is available through many private agencies or individuals.

The following is a list of a few private agencies:

The Princeton Review	www.princetonreview.com
C2 Education	https://www.c2educate.com/
Huntington Learning Center	https://huntingtonhelps.com/test-prep
Kaplan	https://www.kaptest.com/
Sylvan Learning Center	http://www.sylvanlearning.com/

KHAN ACADEMY

The Khan Academy is a free tutorial practice website that has worked with the College Board to establish personalized practice programs for each individual.

www.khanacademy.org You can now link your College Board account to the Khan Academy link and it will share your PSAT results and create individualized practice questions. Khan Academy now has 6 released SAT Tests that can be taken for review.

TESTING

Registering takes place online at:

sat.org/register – for SAT

or

www.actstudent.org – for ACT

**MORRIS KNOLLS SCHOOL CODE WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER.
IT IS: 311321**

VIEW AND SEND SCORES

To view or send your scores, you must go to the website and have them officially sent to the colleges of your choice. Both the College Board and ACT allow you to choose four schools to send your scores for free – at the time of registration for the ACT or within 9 days of taking the test for the SAT. Each score report after the original four free will require a fee per score report.

[SAT/ACT OPTIONAL SCHOOLS](#)

Go to www.fairtest.org for a list of schools that are test optional. Some may require a graded essay/paper instead.

FEE-WAIVER

- Cover the basic test fees for ACT/SAT.
- Cover the cost of four additional score reports.
- May qualify you for application fee waivers at many colleges, if the institution has agreed to cooperate with the SAT Program Fee-Waiver Service.
- Entitle you to a discount on the Official SAT Online Course™ when ordered during an online registration.

Only your counselor can grant you a fee-waiver. Fee Waivers are not available through the College Board.

Note: You must register by the regular registration deadline. **Fee waivers cannot be used for late registration except for the October test date.** Fee waivers cannot be used for standby registrations.

[SAT CALENDAR & FEES](#)

2023-2024 Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

*****All 2024 SAT Exams will be Digital - you must bring a device.***** Bluebook download required - week of exam. You can borrow a device, but must request 30 days prior to the test date.

U.S. Registration Deadlines		
2023-24 Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration/Fees
December 4, 2023	passed	November 21, 2023
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024
August 24, 2024	?	?

October 5 and November 2, 2024, should be the last possible dates for 4-year college applications.

[SAT FEES](#)

- SAT Test \$60.00
- \$14.00 per school for official score reports to be sent, you can get four free, if done at registration or within nine days of the test date.
- Late Registration is \$30.00
- Additional fees may be found on: [College Board](#)

COLLEGE BOARD – KHAN ACADEMY

The College Board’s test developers and the online learning experts at Khan Academy® worked together to bring you Official SAT Practice.

Don’t miss out on these practice tools:

- Personalized practice on the skills you need the most help with
- Thousands of questions, reviewed and approved by the people who develop the SAT
- Video lessons that explain problems step-by-step
- Full-length practice tests

Option A: Share Test Results - PSAT

1. Create a Khan Academy account.
2. Choose to share your scores.
3. Sign in to your College Board account and click **Send**.

Option B: Take Diagnostic Quizzes

If you don’t have scores to share, you can still get personalized recommendations. Just create a Khan Academy account and take short diagnostic quizzes to pinpoint your strengths and weaknesses.

ACT

The ACT is another college entrance test that is accepted by most colleges either in addition to or instead of the SAT. It is a set of four multiple-choice tests which cover English, mathematics, reading and science. The ACT Plus Writing includes the four multiple-choice tests and a Writing Test.

Register online and obtain test preparation information at www.actstudent.org.

ACT CALENDARS

2022-23 ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
December 9, 2023	passed	November 17, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 21, 2024	July 5, 2024

September and October 2024 should be the last possible test dates for fall 4-year college applications.

ACT FEES

ACT registration is \$68.00, without the essay. If you would like to take the essay, the ACT registration fee is \$93.00. Late registration is \$38.00. \$18.50 per official score reports to be sent to each college.

Basic registration fee (determined by the test option selected)

SAT/ACT Tests Compared		
Structure and Timing	SAT	ACT
Number of questions	154	215
Test components	Reading Test 65 minutes 52 questions Writing and Language Test 35 minutes 44 questions Math Test 80 minutes 58 questions	Reading Test 35 minutes 40 questions English Test 45 minutes 75 questions Math Test 60 minutes 60 questions Science Test 35 minutes 40 questions

Compare the ACT and SAT tests

- ACT includes a Science section
- SAT includes one SAT Math Section on which you may not use a calculator

	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Test Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Writing & Language • Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Reading • Science Reasoning <p>Essay (Optional)</p>
Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay) • 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Per Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 minute, 10 sec 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49 seconds
Reading	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
Math	Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arithmetic • Algebra I & II • Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis 	Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arithmetic • Algebra I & II • 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

Different Admission Plans

There are two main categories of admission options: non-restrictive and restrictive.

Non-restrictive application plans don't restrict students from applying to other institutions. You'll have until May 1 to consider your options and confirm enrollment. There are three application plans under non-restrictive:

- Regular Decision - Regular Decision means that you turn in your application by the college's deadline and they let you know by a specified date.
- Rolling Admission - For Rolling Admission, schools review applications as they're submitted and make decisions throughout the admission cycle (usually within four to six weeks of submission of the application). It is usually wise to send your application as soon as possible since some colleges fill their classes by early winter.
- Early Action - With Early Action, you send your application by the early deadline and the college sends you its decision earlier. Some colleges do have additional restrictions on their early action programs, so make sure to read carefully the instructions from each college.

There are two types of restrictive application plans:

- Early Decision - When you decide to apply Early Decision, you are committing yourself to going to that school. If you're still comparing colleges and don't want to limit your choices yet, Early Decision isn't for you. Why? Early Decision is a contract between you and the college. You agree that if the college accepts you, you'll withdraw all other college applications and attend the early decision college. Because of this commitment, you can apply Early Decision to only one college.
- Restrictive Early Action - The other restrictive option is Restrictive Early Action. This means that you apply to your school of choice and get a decision early. Be aware, though, that some schools restrict applicants from applying to any other early plans at other schools. If you go this way, you'll have until May 1 to confirm that you'll attend. Colleges respond to early applications in one of three ways: acceptance, rejection, or deferring applications over to regular decision.