



## INFORMATION SHEET 2026/2027

### “Which test should I take?”

Both the SAT & ACT are nationally administered standardized tests. Colleges accept both interchangeably. Most high school students begin taking the ACT and/or SAT in their junior year.

Your college admission plan should begin with the question-

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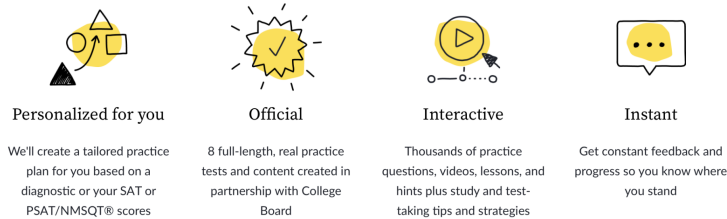
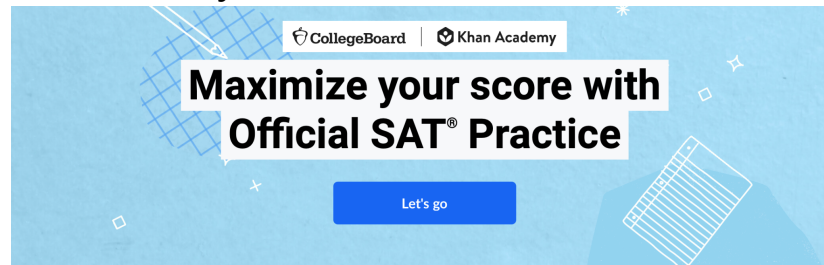
**Determining which test to take begins with familiarity and practice. Here is a recommended timeline...**

| GRADE      | Finished Advanced Algebra                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Currently Taking Advanced Algebra                                                                                                                                                                                                | Have Not Yet Started Advanced Algebra                                                                                  |
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| 10th Grade | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Review your results of the FREE PSAT at EHS scheduled for October 21, 2026</li><li>2. Take <a href="#">ACT PRACTICE TEST</a> and/or <a href="#">SAT PRACTICE TEST</a> between March and August of 2027</li></ol> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Take <a href="#">ACT PRACTICE TEST</a> and/or <a href="#">SAT PRACTICE TEST</a> between February and May of 11th grade |
| 11th Grade | After taking <a href="#">ACT PRACTICE TEST</a> and/or <a href="#">SAT PRACTICE TEST</a> in the Fall and completing prep drills on Progress Learning, register to take the exam in Spring. See a counselor if you are eligible for a fee waiver.           | Complete prep drills on Progress Learning in the Fall and winter. Take <a href="#">ACT PRACTICE TEST</a> and/or <a href="#">SAT PRACTICE TEST</a> in the Spring. Review your results with your counselor and/or college advisor. |                                                                                                                        |
| 12th Grade | If you have a list of three to ten colleges/universities that offer your intended major, register to take the exam that offers you the most opportunity for success after practice tests.                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                        |

## FREE ACT/SAT Practice

Do not register for either test without taking time to engage in FREE practice and preparation!

1. [ACT PRACTICE TEST](#)
2. [SAT PRACTICE TEST](#)
3. [Khan Academy](#) is the FREE official SAT practice site. Students can create an account to access personalized, interactive study materials.



| COMPARISON   |                                                             |                                                      |
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| Why Take It? | Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.                                                                           | Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.                                                                      |
| Sections     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math</li><li>• Reading</li><li>• English</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Essay (<i>Optional</i>)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math</li><li>• Reading</li><li>• Writing and Language</li><li>• Essay (<i>Optional</i>)</li></ul> |
| Time         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 hours, 55 minutes (<i>without essay</i>)</li><li>• 3 hours, 40 minutes (<i>with essay</i>)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 hours (<i>without essay</i>)</li><li>• 3 hours, 50 minutes (<i>with essay</i>)</li></ul>        |
| Reading      | 4 reading passages                                                                                                                             | 5 reading passages                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Science</b>    | 1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)                                                    | None                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Math</b>       | Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arithmetic</li> <li>• Algebra I &amp; II</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Trigonometry</li> </ul> | Covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arithmetic</li> <li>• Algebra I &amp; II</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Trigonometry</li> <li>• Data Analysis</li> </ul> |
| <b>Calculator</b> | You can use a calculator on all math questions.                                                                                                  | Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Essay</b>      | Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.                                                                  | Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text.                                                                                                        |
| <b>Scoring</b>    | Scored on a scale of 1-36                                                                                                                        | Scored on a scale of 400–1600                                                                                                                                             |

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|   | <b>ACT Test Date</b><br><b>(**Offered at EHS)</b> | <b>Registration Deadline</b> | <b>Late Registration Deadline</b> |
| **September 19, 2026                                                                |                                                   | August 14                    | September 1                       |
| October 17, 2026                                                                    |                                                   | September 11                 | September 29                      |
| **December 12, 2026                                                                 |                                                   | November 6                   | November 29                       |
| **February 27, 2027                                                                 |                                                   | January 22                   | February 9                        |
| April 10, 2027                                                                      |                                                   | March 5                      | March 23                          |
| June 12, 2027                                                                       |                                                   | May 7                        | May 25                            |
| July 10, 2027                                                                       |                                                   | June 4                       | June 22                           |
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|  | <b>SAT Test Date</b>                              | <b>Registration Deadline</b> | <b>Late Registration Deadline</b> |
| August 22, 2026                                                                     |                                                   | August 7                     | August 11                         |
| September 12, 2026                                                                  |                                                   | August 28                    | September 1                       |
| October 3, 2026                                                                     |                                                   | September 18                 | September 22                      |

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| November 7, 2026 | October 23  | October 27  |
| December 5, 2026 | November 20 | November 24 |
| March 6, 2027    | February 19 | February 23 |
| May 1, 2027      | April 16    | April 20    |
| June 5, 2027     | May 21      | May 25      |

### Registration

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|  | <a href="https://www.act.org">https://www.act.org</a>                             |
|  | <a href="https://satsuite.collegeboard.org">https://satsuite.collegeboard.org</a> |

\*See our College Advisor in the Guidance Department if assistance is needed with registration

Super Scoring: Colleges have different policies on superscoring; generally, superscoring is when colleges consider your highest section scores across all the dates you took the SAT/ACT: Not all colleges allow superscoring