

# Academic Testing Overview

Typical standardized testing timeline:

[PSAT \(Preliminary SAT\)](#)- taken in October of grade 10 and 11 (optional and administered at ECHS)

- An inexpensive practice version of the SAT in a timed setting that projects future SAT scores. Junior scores may be used to qualify for National Merit Scholarships.

[AP \(Advanced Placement\)](#)- taken in May of the year the student is enrolled in the corresponding AP course (optional and administered at ECHS)

- Students who score a 3,4, or 5 on the exam may earn college credit at the university they eventually matriculate to.

[SAT](#) or [ACT](#)- typically taken the spring of grade 11 and/or fall of grade 12 (optional and taken off-site)

- [Comparison of the two tests](#)
- [Khan Academy](#) and [ACT Academy](#) both offer free online test personalized test practice.

CAASP- taken the spring of grade 11 (required and administered at ECHS)

- Can be used to determine English and Math placement at California Community Colleges and universities in the California State University system.