

# Student Assessment Program

Below is a chart to help clarify the general progression of students through the state assessments. This chart, which is offered as a general guide, may not address all situations. Also included are optional tests given each year.

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<p><b>PreACT</b> Reading, Mathematics, English, and Science</p> <p>OPTIONAL TESTS</p> <p>***PSAT **ASVAB</p>	<p><b>*ACT with Writing</b> Reading, Mathematics, English, Writing and Science</p> <p>OPTIONAL TESTS</p> <p>***PSAT **ASVAB</p>	<p>****<b>ACT WorkKeys</b> Graphic Literacy, Workplace Documents, and Applied Math</p> <p><b>Alabama Civics Test</b></p> <p>OPTIONAL TESTS **ASVAB</p>
<b>OR</b>	<b>OR</b>	
<p><b>ACAP Alternate</b> Reading, Mathematics, English, and Science</p>	<p><b>ACAP Alternate</b> Reading, Mathematics, English, Writing and Science</p>	

## \*AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT):

The ACT Assessment is a standardized college entrance examination that measures knowledge and skills in English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. Four year universities require either the ACT or SAT I as part of the admission criteria. Consult the catalog of the specific university applying to. A free handbook preparing for the ACT is available in the career center.

## \*\*ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY (ASVAB):

The ASVAB is a career exploration program consisting of a multi-aptitude test battery that helps students explore their interests, abilities, and personal preferences. This test is open to juniors and seniors. It is required for military enrollment but all students are encouraged to take the ASVAB regardless of military interest.

## \*\*\*PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (PSAT):

The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT I. It consists of three content areas: verbal, math, and writing. Given to juniors in the fall, the PSAT is also used as a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program, the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students, and the National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program.

## \*\*\*\*ACT WorkKeys:

The ACT WorkKeys assessment measures the cognitive and non-cognitive skills needed for success in the workforce. Students take the Applied Mathematics, Workplace Documents, and Graphic Literacy tests. Based on the scores attained on the three assessments, students may be eligible to earn a Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Certificate.

Fall of junior year is a good time to take the ACT for the first time. All juniors will take the ACT during the spring semester of their junior year at AHS.

# Testing Links

## ACT

**The Test code number for Decatur High School is 010-860.**

**ACT Test Dates and Deadlines** for 2020-2021:

<https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/pdfs/Test-Date-Schedule-National-2020-2021.pdf>

Click here to create an online **ACT account**, to view or send test scores, and to register to take the ACT: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE DOWN YOUR EMAIL AND PASSWORD USED WHEN CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT**

**ACT Academy - FREE online ACT prep**

FREE, personalized practice for the ACT. <https://academy.act.org/>

**ACT Fee Waivers**

Students who are on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for ACT Fee Waivers.

Eligible 11th and 12th grade students can receive up to 4 ACT Fee Waivers. In order to receive a waiver, please contact your counselor:

**12th Grade Counselor**-Daivon Fouche: 256-552-3011, email [daivon.fouche@dcs.edu](mailto:daivon.fouche@dcs.edu)

**11th Grade Counselor**- Dana Jetton: 256-552-3011, email [dana.jetton@dcs.edu](mailto:dana.jetton@dcs.edu)

**9th and 10th Grade Counselor**- Alyssa Cerge: 256-552-3011, email [alyssa.cerge@dcs.edu](mailto:alyssa.cerge@dcs.edu)

## SAT

**SAT Test Dates and Deadlines** for 2020-2021:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

Click here to create a **CollegeBoard account**, to view or send SAT scores, and to register to take the SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

**Khan Academy - FREE online SAT prep**

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

## PSAT

**College Board - FREE online PSAT prep**

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

## **OTHER**

Dual Enrollment Students may need to take the **ACCUPLACER** test to qualify for certain courses. <https://calhoun.edu/student-services/advising/placement-test-study-guide/>