

SAT & ACT Test DATES FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

--Should I take the SAT or the ACT? All colleges and universities across the country will accept either the SAT or the ACT as a college entrance test. Statistics say that one-third of students perform better on the ACT, one-third performs better on the SAT and one-third perform equivalent on the SAT & ACT.

--When should I take them and how many times? You should take each at least once between the winter and early summer of your junior year, preferably twice, depending on one's scores, aptitude and preparation. There is always an October SAT and ACT test that you can take and still meet most college application deadlines. You can apply to colleges and send scores later if needed.

--Do I need to take any SAT II (subject tests) to go to college? Most colleges do not require SAT IIs, but some do. The best time to take an SAT II is when you have completed the high school course that covers the testing material whether that is your sophomore or junior year; you can take them during your senior year. Check college websites for the entrance requirements to see if SAT IIs are required.

*2009-10 SAT Test Dates: Register online at www.collegeboard.com

TEST DATE	Test	REGISTRATION	
		Regular	Late
March 14, 2009	SAT only	February 10	February 24
May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	March 31	April 9
June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5	May 15
*Oct. 10 or 18, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	date will be available in June	
* Nov. 7 or 8, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	date will be available in June	
* December 5 or 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	date will be available in June	

2010 Test Dates are not available at this time

*Sunday testing is now available

SAT I is the SAT reasoning test. All colleges will accept this as a college admissions/entrance test. SAT IIs are SAT subject tests; some selective colleges require students to take SAT IIs. Check with the colleges to which you are applying to see if you should take any of these subject tests. It is best to take these tests right after you have completed the curriculum, regardless of what year that is for you.

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I do have some SAT I & II preparatory bulletins in my office. I will distribute while supplies last.

CDS' high school code is 342532. It is important to include this in your registration.

*2009-10 ACT Test Dates: Register online at www.actstudent.org

TEST DATE	Test	REGISTRATION	
		Regular	Late
April 4, 2009	ACT (take optional writing)	February 27	February 28-13
June 13, 2009	ACT (take optional writing)	May 8	May 9-22
Oct. 24, 2009	ACT (take optional writing)	date will be available in June	
Dec. 12, 2009	ACT (take optional writing)	date will be available in June	
Feb. 6, 2010	ACT (take optional writing)	date will be available in June	
April 10, 2010	ACT (take optional writing)	date will be available in June	
June 12, 2010	ACT (take optional writing)	date will be available in June	

***When you register you should sign up to take the "optional" writing section unless specifically instructed otherwise by an admissions counselor. You can register online at www.actstudent.org.**

Don't forget that if you want the writing portion (and you do!) which is optional on the ACT, you must indicate that you want that section included on your registration. I do have some preparatory ACT booklets in my office. I will distribute while supply lasts.

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YOU MUST REQUEST DIRECTLY FROM COLLEGEBOARD AND/OR ACT FOR SCORES TO BE SENT TO COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THE SCORES ARE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL. THE GUIDANCE OFFICE CANNOT DO THIS FOR YOU.

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