



COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS

All 4-year college-bound students should take the ACT and/or SAT. The ACT is accepted at all colleges/universities in the nation and is the test most commonly taken by EHS students. To find out which test is preferred by a particular college, check with the admissions officers, review the college's website, or ask your counselor.

	ACT	SAT
Accepted/Preferred by	All schools in the nation	Some out-of-state and/or highly selective colleges and universities
Assesses	"Achievement"--General educational development and ability to complete college level work	"Aptitude"--Verbal and mathematical skills, ability to reason with facts and concepts
Areas tested	English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science	Verbal (critical reading), Mathematics (problem-solving, math reasoning, algebra , and geometry), and Writing (essay)
Writing Component	Optional	Mandatory
Unique features	Includes interest inventory	Option for taking SAT II Subject Tests (required for a few selective colleges)
2013-14 Test Dates	Sept. 21, Oct. 26, Dec. 14, Feb. 8, April 12, June 14	Oct. 5, Nov.2, Dec. 7, Jan. 25, Mar. 8 (no subject tests), May 3, June 7
How to register (at least five weeks prior to test date)	www.actstudent.org	www.collegeboard.org

Additional Information

- Preparation materials for both tests are available in the Career Center of the Counseling Office.
- Registration fee waivers are available for eligible students.
- Both tests can be taken multiple times—post-secondary schools look at a student's best score
- Both tests allow students to request and receive information from colleges
- Both tests meet the NCAA's requirement as an admission test if taken on a national test date.