

Standardized Tests for College 2007-2008

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| PSAT/NMSQT Preliminary SAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Wed.10/17/07 Sat. 10/20/07 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good practice for the SAT. • Top scores Junior year may earn National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior year • Sophomore year for practice • Freshman year if taking Honors/ PreAP Geometry & English | Some colleges and universities offer scholarships based on PSAT scores earning Commended, Semi-Finalist, and Finalist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Time: 2 hrs and 10 min. • Five sections: 2 Critical Reading 2 Math 1 Writing Skills | Three scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Reading • Math • Writing Skills • Scale: 20 – 80 on each |
| SAT 10/6/07 11/3/07 12/1/07 1/26/08 3/1/08 5/3/08 6/7/08 COST \$43 | Registration Deadlines: 9/10/07 10/2/07 10/30/07 12/26/07 1/29/08 4/1/08 5/6/08 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Junior year May or June • Repeat Fall Senior year Oct. or Nov. <p style="color: red; font-size: small;"><i>Register on-line</i> www.collegeboard.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required for admission by the majority of U.S. colleges. • Often used to award scholarships and grants as well. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Time: 3hrs. and 45min. Critical Reading: 70 min. Math: 70 min Writing: 60 min | Scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Read: 200-800 • Math: 200-800 • Writing-Multiple Choice Subscore: 200-800 • Essay Subscore: 1-12 |
| SAT II Math Languages Sciences History Literature COST: \$28 Lang. with Listening \$40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some colleges require three SAT II subject tests, and some only recommend them. • Scores may factor into admissions decision, or may simply be used for course placement. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math during the junior year or senior fall. • Other tests, such as sciences or languages, right after finishing related subjects in school. <p style="color: red; font-size: small;"><i>Register on-line</i> www.collegeboard.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check with the college or university where you plan to seek admission for their SAT II testing policy. • Only certain colleges require the SAT II. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Time: One hour per exam. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One score per test scale of 200-800. |
| ACT 9/15/07 10/27/07 12/8/07 2/9/08 4/12/08 6/14/08 COST: \$44.50 w/Writ. | Registration Deadlines: 8/10/07 9/21/07 11/2/07 1/4/08 3/7/08 5/9/08 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring of junior year. • Fall of senior year. <p style="color: red; font-size: small;"><i>Register on-line</i> www.act.org</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required for admission by the majority of all U.S. colleges (alternative to the SAT). • Often used to award scholarships and grants. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 3 hours total • Four sections: English Math Reading Science • Optional: Writing Test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four separate scores as well as a composite score (average of the four), each on a scale of 1-36. |

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| PLAN English Math Reading Science District Pays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice ACT Predicted ACT Score Career Inventory | Sophomore Year Fall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept-Dec school decides if and when this exam will be offered. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum based exam covers skills and knowledge commonly taught in schools. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English- 30 min Math- 40 min Reading- 20 min Science- 25 min Other- 65 min | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengths in Academics Career/College Major World of Work Map |
| THEA/TSI Formerly TASP Texas Academic Skills Program) See testing schedule on line or in Registration Bulletin Cost: \$29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Texas state law requires all students entering Texas public colleges or universities to be assessed for college readiness in reading, writing, and mathematics, unless they are exempt. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall or spring of senior year. <p>A testing schedule can found in the THEA Registration Bulletin.</p> <p><i>Register on-line or pick up a packet from your counselor</i> www.thea.nesinc.com</p> | The following can exempt you from taking the THEA (TASP): TAKS – Writing -score of 3 or higher Math-2200 or higher Reading- 2200 or higher ACT – composite score of 23 or higher with min. of 19 on both the English and Math. SAT -combined verbal and math score of 1070 or higher with min. of 500 on both Verbal and Math. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 5 hours of testing time is provided. The individual test sections Reading, Math, and Writing are not timed within the test session. You may spend as much time as you want on each section until the session ends. On the writing test you will be asked to write a multiple paragraph writing sample that contains 300-600 words. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Score on each section is on a scale from 100-300. The minimum score needed to pass reading and math is 230. The minimum passing score for writing is 220. Institutions make placement decisions based on your minimum scores. Some may vary. |
| AP Advanced Placement Exams Schedule: Week 1: May 5- May 9, 2008 Week 2: May 12- May 16, 2008 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Advanced Placement Program offers secondary school students the opportunity to participate in challenging college-level course work while still in high school. Students can receive credit, advanced placement or both, depending on how they score on the exams. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Exams are administered nationally each May. The AP Coordinator in your school will offer an opportunity to sign up for the AP exams in March or April. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Exams have no direct impact on college admission. You do not have to be enrolled in an AP course to take an AP exam, but it is highly recommended. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most exams are three hours long and cover two semesters of college-level work. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One score per exam, on a scale from 1-5. Each individual college and/or university has a policy of awarding credit. Check the website of the college or university you will be attending. |
| CLEP (College-Level Exam Program) Cost: \$65 | Measures a student's mastery of college level, introductory course content in a wide range of disciplines. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered on college campuses not high school. May not repeat same exam within six months | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computerized exams Nearly all U.S. colleges and universities have a policy awarding credit through CLEP. Transferable | 90 minutes total per exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One score per test 20-80. Most colleges and universities accept 50 or higher as a credit-granting score. Score report immediately |