

# Standardized Tests for College 2009-2010

Test & Dates	Why?	When?	Other Factors	Test Structure	Scoring
<b>PSAT/ NMSQT</b> Preliminary SAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test  <b>Wed.10/14/09</b> <b>Sat. 10/17/09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good practice for the SAT.</li> <li>• Top scores Junior year may earn National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Junior year</b></li> <li>• <b>Sophomore</b> year for practice</li> <li>• <b>Freshman</b> year if taking Honors/ PreAP Geometry &amp; English</li> </ul>	Some colleges and universities offer scholarships based on PSAT scores earning Commended, Semi-Finalist, and Finalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Time: 2 hrs and 10 min.</li> <li>• Five sections: 2 Critical Reading 2 Math 1 Writing Skills</li> </ul>	Three scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Reading</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Writing Skills</li> <li>• Scale: 20 – 80 on each</li> </ul>
<b>SAT</b>  <b>10/10/09</b> <b>11/7/09</b> <b>12/5/09</b> <b>1/23/10</b> <b>3/13/10</b>  <b>COST</b> <b>\$45</b>	<b>Registration Deadlines:</b>  <b>9/9/09</b> <b>10/1/09</b> <b>10/30/09</b> <b>12/15/09</b> <b>2/4/10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spring Junior year</b> May or June</li> <li>• <b>Repeat Fall Senior year</b> Oct. or Nov.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Register on-line</i>  <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required for admission by the majority of U.S. colleges.</li> <li>• Often used to award scholarships and grants as well.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Time: 3hrs. and 45min.</li> <li>Critical Reading: 70 min.</li> <li>Math: 70 min</li> <li>Writing: 60 min</li> </ul>	Scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Read: 200-800</li> <li>• Math: 200-800</li> <li>• Writing-Multiple Choice Subscore: 200-800</li> <li>• Essay Subscore: 1-12</li> </ul>
<b>SAT II</b>  <b>Math</b> <b>Languages</b> <b>Sciences</b> <b>History</b> <b>Literature</b>  <b>COST:</b> <b>\$29</b> <b>Lang. with Listening</b> <b>\$40</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some colleges require three SAT II subject tests, and some only recommend them.</li> <li>• Scores may factor into admissions decision, or may simply be used for course placement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math during the junior year or senior fall.</li> <li>• Other tests, such as sciences or languages, right after finishing related subjects in school.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Register on-line</i>  <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check with the college or university where you plan to seek admission for their SAT II testing policy.</li> <li>• Only certain colleges require the SAT II.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Time: One hour per exam.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One score per test scale of 200-800.</li> </ul>
<b>ACT</b>  <b>9/12/09</b> <b>10/24/09</b> <b>12/12/09</b> <b>2/6/10</b> <b>4/10/10</b> <b>6/12/10</b>  <b>COST:</b> <b>\$46</b> <b>w/Writ.</b>	<b>Registration Deadlines:</b>  <b>8/7/09</b> <b>9/18/09</b> <b>11/6/09</b> <b>1/5/10</b> <b>3/5/10</b> <b>5/7/10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spring of junior year.</b></li> <li>• <b>Fall of senior year.</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Register on-line</i>  <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required for admission by the majority of all U.S. colleges (alternative to the SAT).</li> <li>• Often used to award scholarships and grants.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approx. 3 hours total</li> <li>• Four sections: English Math Reading Science</li> <li>• Optional: Writing Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four separate scores as well as a composite score (average of the four), each on a scale of 1-36.</li> </ul>

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<b>PLAN</b> English Math Reading Science District Pays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice ACT</li> <li>Predicted ACT Score</li> <li>Career Inventory</li> </ul>	<b>Sophomore Year Fall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sept-Dec <u>school decides if and when this exam will be offered.</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum based exam covers skills and knowledge commonly taught in schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English- 30 min</li> <li>Math- 40 min</li> <li>Reading- 20 min</li> <li>Science- 25 min</li> <li>Other- 65 min</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengths in Academics</li> <li>Career/College Major</li> <li>World of Work Map</li> </ul>
<b>THEA/ TSI</b> Formerly TASP Texas Academic Skills Program)  See testing schedule on line or in Registration Bulletin  <b>Cost: \$29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Fall or spring of senior year.</b></li> </ul> <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 <a href="http://www.thea.nesinc.com">www.thea.nesinc.com</a></i></p>	The following can exempt you from taking the THEA (TASP): <b>TAKS</b> – <b>Writing</b> -score of <b>3</b> or higher <b>Math-2200</b> or higher <b>Reading- 2200</b> or higher  <b>ACT</b> – composite score of <b>23</b> or higher <b>with min. of 19 on both the English and Math.</b>  <b>SAT</b> -combined verbal and math score of <b>1070</b> or higher <b>with min. of 500 on both Verbal and Math.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 5 hours of testing time is provided.</li> <li>The individual test sections Reading, Math, and Writing are not timed within the test session.</li> <li>You may spend as much time as you want on each section until the session ends.</li> <li>On the writing test you will be asked to write a multiple paragraph writing sample that contains 300-600 words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score on each section is on a scale from 100-300.</li> <li>The minimum score needed to pass reading and math is 230.</li> <li>The minimum passing score for writing is 220.</li> <li>Institutions make placement decisions based on your minimum scores. Some may vary.</li> </ul>
<b>AP</b>  <b>Advanced Placement Exams Schedule:</b>  <b>Week 1: May 3- May 7, 2010</b>  <b>Week 2: May 10- May 14, 2010</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Advanced Placement Program offers secondary school students the opportunity to participate in challenging college-level course work while still in high school.</li> <li>Students can receive credit, advanced placement or both, depending on how they score on the exams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP Exams are administered nationally each May.</li> <li>The AP Coordinator in your school will offer an opportunity to sign up for the AP exams in March or April.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP Exams have no direct impact on college admission.</li> <li>You do not have to be enrolled in an AP course to take an AP exam, but it is <b>highly</b> recommended.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most exams are three hours long and cover two semesters of college-level work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One score per exam, on a scale from 1-5.</li> <li>Each individual college and/or university has a policy of awarding credit.</li> <li>Check the website of the college or university you will be attending.</li> </ul>
<b>CLEP</b> (College-Level Exam Program)  <b>Cost: \$70</b>	Measures a student's mastery of college level, introductory course content in a wide range of disciplines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered on college campuses not high school.</li> <li>May not repeat same exam within six months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computerized exams</li> <li>Nearly all U.S. colleges and universities have a policy awarding credit through CLEP.</li> <li>Transferable</li> </ul>	90 minutes total per exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One score per test 20-80.</li> <li>Most colleges and universities accept 50 or higher as a credit-granting score.</li> <li>Score report immediately</li> </ul>