

College Entrance Exam Testing Recommendations

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College entrance-exams often play an important role in the college admissions process. Throughout high school it is recommended you discuss specific entrance-exam plans with your school counselor.

Exams	Recommended Administration Dates
Practice ACT-Pre ACT	Winter, 10 th grade: This is the practice ACT, designed to measure students progress towards success on the actual ACT. It also allows students to experience the format and style of an ACT.
Practice SAT–PSAT 10	Winter, 10 th grade: This is the first of two practice SAT’s, designed to measure students progress towards success on the actual SAT in the 10th grade year. It also allows students to experience the format and style of an SAT.
Practice SAT–PSAT/NMSQT	October, 11th grade: This is the Practice SAT for all 11th grade students. The PSAT/NMSQT is also connected to national scholarship opportunities for students who perform in the highest percentiles in the country.

SAT (Reading, Writing & Language, Math and Essay)	10 th Grade: Not Recommended
	11 th Grade: December, March, May, June, or August (Some students work to take this twice in grade 11)
	12 th Grade: October, November, or December

It is recommended that students sit for this exam two times.

ACT (English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing)	10 th Grade: Not Recommended
	11 th Grade: February, April, June, or July (Some students work to take this twice in grade 11)
	12 th Grade: September, October, or December

It is recommended that students sit for this exam two times.

SAT Subject Tests	SAT Subjects Tests in World History and Chemistry Best taken in May or June while enrolled in respective course –AP World History and/or Foundations in College Chemistry. Consult College Board study-guides, your school counselor, appropriate directors of instruction and the classroom teacher. Additional preparation is necessary to ensure alignment of all curriculum.
	SAT Subjects Tests in Biology, Literature, Physics and US History Please consult College Board study-guides, your school counselor, appropriate directors of instruction and classroom teachers. Determining the most suitable time for taking Subject Tests in the above subjects will depend on individual readiness, preparation and overall testing-plan. Additional preparation is necessary to ensure alignment of all curriculum.
	SAT Subject Test in Math Level 1 and/or SAT Subject Test in Math Level 2 Best taken in May or June while enrolled in most relevant course. Level 1 corresponds best to Algebra II. Level 2 corresponds to AP Calc BC I or AP Calc BC II. Consult your school counselor, Director of Mathematics and classroom teacher.
	SAT Subject Test in Languages Chinese, German, Spanish, Italian, French, Korean, Japanese, Latin and Hebrew Best taken in May or June while enrolled in respective senior-year course or in May of junior year based on student readiness. Consult your school counselor, Director of World Languages and classroom teacher for guidance.

Consult Naviance and a college’s website for specific college requirements. While the majority of colleges and universities do NOT require Subject Tests, many of the country’s most selective colleges require two or more for admission. Please consult with your school counselor prior to registering.

Students with IEP’s, 504 Plans, or ENL supports should contact the Guidance Office for assistance in applying for accommodations on all tests. Accommodations may be available, but are contingent upon College Board and/or ACT approval—not HCSD. Please call 630-3345.