

# Standardized Tests

Standardized tests are an important component of the college admissions process, although just one of many factors colleges consider when evaluating candidates for admission. Both the SAT and the ACT purport to measure students' readiness for college-level course content. Most colleges accept either test when evaluating students for admission, and we recommend that our students take both tests to see which is best suited to their strengths. Many colleges have waived testing requirements for at least one year, in response to the pandemic. It is important to visit each college's website to determine the current testing requirements before applying.

## Preliminary Tests

St. David's School students take the PSAT in their freshman and sophomore years as a preliminary to the PSAT/NMSQT, or National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which is given in the junior year.

## The SAT

St. David's School recommends that juniors take both the SAT and the ACT this year, at least once with the optional Writing section. There are many different opinions about timing. We suggest taking the SAT in November or December and a second time before the end of June. Juniors should take the ACT as well, once when it is administered at school, and a second time before the end of July. Compare the scores. Then, consider whether to retake either or both in the fall of senior year. Students may register for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and the ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

NOTE:

1. Registration for the September 23, 2020 SAT date must take place through the College Counseling office, NOT on Collegeboard.org. Checks are due by Friday, August 21, 2020.
2. Registration for the September 12, 2020 ACT date takes place on ACT.org, using the test center code emailed to you from the College Counseling office.

## SAT Test Dates and Registration

Exam Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (fee required)
August 29, 2020	July 31, 2020	August 11 (by mail), August 18 (online/phone) Late registration fee waived
September 23, 2020 – AT SCHOOL	August 24, 2020	None. Register with the College Counseling office, NOT on Collegeboard.org
September 26, 2020	August 26, 2020	September 15 (online /phone)
October 3, 2020	September 4, 2020	September 15 (by mail), September 22 (online/phone)
November 7, 2020	October 7, 2020	October 20 (by mail), October 27 (online/phone)
December 5, 2020	November 5, 2020	November 17 (by mail), November 24 (online/phone)
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	February 23 (by mail), March 2 (online/phone)
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 20 (by mail), April 27 (online/phone)
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 18 (by mail), May 26 (online/phone)

**SAT Subject Tests and Registration** – required at a few highly selective colleges. Take in May or June after completing the corresponding course.

		Aug 29	Oct 3	Nov 7	Dec 5	May 8	Jun 5
Registration Deadline	Regular	7/31	9/4	10/7	11/5	4/8	5/6
	Late – by mail Online	8/11 or 8/18	9/15 or 9/22	10/20 or 10/27	11/17 or 11/24	4/20 or 4/27	5/18 or 5/26
Subject Tests	Literature	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Biology E/M, Chem, Physics	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Mathematics Levels 1 & 2	•	•	•	•	•	•
	U.S. History	•	•	•	•	•	•
	World History	•			•		•
Languages: Reading Only	French, Spanish	•	•		•		•
	German, Modern Hebrew						•
	Latin				•		•
	Italian						•
Languages w/listening	Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean & Spanish			•		•	

### ACT Test Dates and Registration

Exam Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (fee required)
September 12, 2020 - AT SCHOOL	August 14, 2020	Given at school for St. David's juniors and seniors only. Sign up on ACT.ORG using test center code emailed from the College Counseling office.
September 13, 2020	August 14, 2020	August 28
September 19, 2020	August 14, 2020	August 28
October 10, 2020	September 17, 2020	September 25
October 17, 2020	August 28, 2020	September 17
October 24, 2020	September 17, 2020	September 25
October 25, 2020	September 17, 2020	September 25
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 20
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 15
March 16, 2020 – AT SCHOOL	TBD	TBD
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 26
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 25

## Test Preparation Resources

### The College Board

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### Duke SAT Test Prep

[www.learnmore.duke.edu/testprep](http://www.learnmore.duke.edu/testprep)

Molly Dempsey and Sheba Lowe Beverly  
919-684-6259

### Huntington Learning Center

[www.raleigh.huntingtonlearning.com](http://www.raleigh.huntingtonlearning.com)

7101 Creedmoor Road, Suite 105, Raleigh  
919-676-5477

### Kaplan Educational Center

[www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com)

2812 Erwin Road, Suite 206, Durham  
919-309-0630

### MasterMind Prep Learning Solutions

[www.mastermindprep.com](http://www.mastermindprep.com)

6300 Creedmoor Road, Suite 170, Raleigh, NC  
919-841-1965

## St. David's Faculty Workshops – Summer only

### Sylvan Learning Center

[www.tutoring.sylvanlearning.com](http://www.tutoring.sylvanlearning.com)

3200 Spring Forest Road, Suite 212, Raleigh  
7209 Creedmoor Road, Unit 11, Raleigh  
877-498-2338

### Triangle Learning Consultants

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2920 Merton Drive, Raleigh  
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[www.trilogyschool.com/triangle-learning-consultants.aspx](http://www.trilogyschool.com/triangle-learning-consultants.aspx)

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