



FAQ's About College Admissions Testing

How do I register for tests?

Urban School does not administer the SAT or ACT. You must register at The College Board website (www.collegeboard.com) or the ACT website (www.actstudent.org). Register as soon as you know which tests you plan to take; test sites fill up quickly and you are more likely to get the test site of your choice if you register early.

What tests should I take as an 11th grader?

We recommend that students take one SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT. Students will most likely repeat the test during their Senior year.

When should I take the tests?

The SAT Reasoning Test is offered in March, May and June, and the ACT is offered in April, June and July. Any of these months are good times to take the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT. In addition to the student's individual schedule and commitments, test prep classes should be considered.

Should I take the tests more than once?

We recommend that most students test once in the spring of 11th grade year and repeat the test in the Senior year. However, this is an individual decision that you can discuss with your counselor.

How late will colleges accept the tests?

Colleges will accept tests through the December test date – even if, like the UCs, the application is due earlier. The exception is an Early Admission application.

When is the last test date for Early Decision/Action?

Students applying early should plan to complete their testing by October.

Do colleges see all of the tests?

Some will, some will not. The College Board has implemented a policy called Score Choice that allows students to choose which SAT scores to send. The ACT allows students to send the results of only one test. However, some colleges are requiring students to send all of their scores. In any case, colleges almost always consider only the highest scores required.

When should I send the tests to colleges?

You DO NOT need to send scores to colleges during 11th grade. For Regular Decision, scores should be sent to colleges only upon registering for the last test. For Early Admission programs, it is important that scores arrive on or close to the early deadline. Keep in mind that scores usually take three weeks to arrive after you request a score report to the colleges.

How do I know which test is right for me?

11th graders are introduced to the SAT when they take the PSAT each October. Urban offers an optional mock ACT on site in the fall of 11th grade. Urban students may use the PSAT and the mock ACT to determine which test may be their best match.

What about testing accommodations (e.g. extended time)?

Please contact Urban's Learning Services Office with any questions about accommodations for college-related standardized testing.