

# Test Dates and Score Requests

SAT			
2023–24 Test Dates	Registration	Late Registration	Anticipated Score Release <sup>‡</sup>
August 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	August 15, 2023	September 18, 2023*
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	September 26, 2023	October 20, 2023*
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	October 24, 2023	November 17, 2023*
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023	December 15, 2023*
March 9, 2024 (Digital)	February 23, 2024	March 1, 2024*	March 22, 2024*
May 4, 2024 (Digital)	April 19, 2024	April 26, 2024*	May 17, 2024*
June 1, 2024 (Digital)	May 17, 2024	May 24, 2024*	July 10, 2024*

PSAT		PSAT 10	
2023 Test Dates	Registration	2024 Test Dates	Registration
Date determined by high school within testing window: October 2–31, 2023	Test date registration is determined by high school.	Date determined by high school within testing window: March 4–April 26, 2024	Test date registration is determined by high school.

ACT			
2023–24 Test Dates	Registration	Late Registration	Anticipated Score Release <sup>‡</sup>
September 9, 2023	August 4, 2023	August 18, 2023	September 19, 2023*
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023	November 7, 2023*
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023	December 19, 2023*
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024	February 20, 2024*
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024	April 23, 2024*
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024	June 18, 2024*
July 13, 2024 (Not offered in NY)	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024	July 23, 2024*



You can register for the SAT at [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org) and the ACT at [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org).

\* Dates are not yet official.  
 ‡ Release date indicates the first day scores may be available.  
 ACT Writing scores are available about two weeks after multiple-choice scores are released.

## INTERNATIONAL DATES

International SAT testing occurs on the same dates as the U.S. National test dates for each school year. **For more information, visit [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/international](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/international).**

ACT offers international testing during a 2-day window culminating on the U.S. National test date. For example, April 12–13 are offered as international ACT test dates, while the U.S. National test date is April 13. **For more information, visit [act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act-non-us.html](https://act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act-non-us.html).**

► The following chart lists the basic fees and policies for SAT and ACT.

POLICY OR FEE	SAT	ACT
Standard fee	\$60	\$66 + \$25 for Writing
Late Registration Fee	add \$30	add \$36
Change test date	add \$25	add \$42
Change test center	add \$25	add \$42
Standby / Waitlist	Currently unavailable	add \$66
Copy of test available	Not available after October 2023	September, April, June dates
Fee for copy of test	\$16	\$32 (\$40 if order is placed after the test)
Score reports included with registration	4	4
Additional reports	\$12 each	\$18 each
Cancel Scores	Paper SAT: Until Thursday after test Digital SAT: Until one week after test	Until Thursday after test
Remove Scores	Not offered	Upon written request
Calculator	Algebra functions OK TI-89 allowed	No algebra functions TI-89 not permitted
Score verification	Paper SAT: \$55 for multiple-choice Digital SAT: Not available	\$55 for multiple-choice, \$55 for writing, \$110 for both multiple-choice and writing
Sunday testing for religious reasons	Available Sunday following the Saturday administration	Available Sunday or Monday on a center-by-center basis

### ACT STANDBY REQUESTS

If you miss the late deadline to register for a test date or to request a test date or test center change, you may choose to sign in to your ACT account to request and pay for standby testing. Standby requests must be submitted during a limited “Standby Request Period” before the test date. Requests cannot be accepted after the last date listed for each test in the table below.

ACT Test Date	Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	September 1, 2023
October 28, 2023	October 20, 2023
December 9, 2023	December 1, 2023
February 10, 2024	February 2, 2024
April 13, 2024	April 5, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 31, 2024
July 13, 2024	July 5, 2024

## FEE WAIVERS AND REPORTING SCORES

There are several factors to consider when it comes to choosing test dates and sending scores to colleges. It's important to understand both the procedural and tactical aspects before making individualized decisions or recommendations suited to any one student.

Many colleges are trying to make the admission process easier by offering test takers more flexibility. However, there is still a wide range of testing policies that makes it difficult for students to know exactly how to optimize their results and then best showcase those achievements.

### WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER FOR THE OFFICIAL SAT AND ACT?

Register as far in advance as possible. See Test Dates on the previous pages. Registering early helps you frame testing and test preparation plans and ensures you'll have a seat at a test center most convenient for you.

- ▶ **Planning Tip:** As you get closer to college application deadlines, you may want to register for a “back-up” test date as an insurance policy.

The late summer test dates offer fewer testing centers in some areas, and the early fall dates are extremely popular; seats fill up early.

College Board tends to open SAT registration many months in advance. ACT, on the other hand, typically opens registration for the new school year right after the July test date. This leaves a short registration window for the September ACT. ACT does not schedule tests in New York in July.

### I'VE HEARD ABOUT FEE WAIVERS. WHAT ARE THEY, AND HOW DO I GET THEM?

A student who receives a fee waiver from College Board can sign up for two SATs for free. They can also send those scores to an unlimited number of colleges at no cost. A student who receives a fee waiver from ACT can take two ACTs and send scores to four schools as part of registration and up to 20 additional schools later. Fee waivers cover basic registration costs and include the writing, but they do not cover late or change fees. Fee waivers come from your high school. Check with your college counselor to find out whether you qualify for fee waivers.

### SHOULD I REQUEST THAT MY SCORES BE SENT TO COLLEGES DURING REGISTRATION?

Although this use-it-or-lose-it option means you can save some money (the testing agencies offer to automatically send your upcoming score to up to four colleges as a courtesy if you stipulate this during or shortly after registration), we generally advise students to wait until they've completed testing before they start sending scores. Many schools allow Score Choice, which means you send only the scores of tests you select, after you know your results.

One exception is if your final test is being taken close to an application deadline, especially if you are applying Early Action or Early Decision. In that case, you may want to select your college(s) to expedite score delivery.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN A COLLEGE ACCEPTS SELF-REPORTED SCORES?

Over the past few years, efforts have been made to encourage more colleges to accept self-reported SAT and ACT scores from students during the application process and only require official reports when a student actually enrolls. Leaders of this push have included Gabrielle McColgan, James Murphy, Marie Bigham, and many other contributors.

Among the many expenses that add up in the college admission process are application fees, test registration fees, and official score report fees. Many students are eligible to have these fees waived, but students who don't qualify for waivers may still find the costs to be a burden.



**Please visit [compassprep.com/self-reporting-test-scores](https://compassprep.com/self-reporting-test-scores) or scan the QR code for the most up-to-date list of schools accepting self-reported test scores.**