

TESTING SCHEDULE

Test	Month	Grade	Test Breakdown	Testing Time	Results
Pre-ACT 8/9	October	9	ACT Aspire (all except writing)	250 Minutes	Reports mailed in March
<p>Purpose: The ACT Aspire is an early high school assessment in grade 9 that provides a predicted ACT score range for 5 subject areas (math, reading, science, social studies, writing) and an overall composite score. This data helps to inform students, teachers, and parents whether or not students are on target for college readiness. The assessment also offers additional data including levels of STEM knowledge, text complexity, and work readiness. Aspire is computer based and all reporting is available online.</p>					
PSAT	October	10-11	Practice/National Merit	165 minutes	Online in December
<p>Purpose: The PSAT/NMSQT is a test that measures the critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills needed for college. The PSAT is a way to familiarize students with the structure, content and process of taking the SAT and get a sense of how to perform on the actual exam. Your score can show you which subjects you may not be particularly strong in, regardless of your grades in related classes. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation uses these scores to qualify students who are then considered for the National Merit Scholarship competition. Recipients and finalists can become eligible for corporate scholarships, institutional grants, and merit scholarships.</p> <p>**We strongly encourage any 10th grader who earned a Selection Index of a 190 or higher to retake the PSAT in 11th grade. This is because they have a strong chance of earning a score that can lead to National Merit Scholarships.</p>					
ACT (Practice)	October	10-11	All sections except writing	215 minutes	Emailed in November
<p>Purpose: To prepare sophomores and juniors for the state and district funded ACT, the Practice ACT offers a simulated ACT experience with released ACT test questions. The Practice ACT test includes multiple-choice tests in English, Reading, Mathematics, and Science. The Practice ACT test scores will provide information about your student's progress toward college readiness and is widely used by colleges in making decisions about admission. This is a full length exam, and students will be able to keep their test materials and answer documents upon scoring as additional study material for the state ACT.</p>					
AIR (retakes)	December	11-12		180-210 minutes	Reports mailed in February/ March
<p>Purpose (Fall): For each of the seven end-of-course state tests, a student earns one to five graduation points. Students have the potential to earn a total of 35 points. To meet this graduation pathway, a student must earn a minimum number of 18 points from the seven tests. This graduation pathway gives a student flexibility in accumulating 18 points. A high score on one test can balance a low score on another test. A student must earn a total of at least four points on English tests, four points on math tests and six points on science and social studies test. Students testing during the fall are typically retaking an exam to earn a higher score. The testing window is December 3rd through December 21st.</p>					
PreACT	January	10	All except writing	115 minutes	Reports mailed in March
<p>Purpose: The PreACT, administered in grade 10, simulates the ACT testing experience and empowers students with early results. Upon taking the PreACT, students will receive a report with a predicted ACT score as well as addressing areas of strength and improvement. Lastly, students will receive a copy of their answers and the test questions to serve as study material for additional ACT preparation.</p>					

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OELPA	February	ESOL Students			Results can be expected electronically in early May.

Purpose: The OELPA is an English language proficiency test composed of four domains/tests which measure a student's English skills in the four language domains: listening, reading, writing, and speaking. Students enrolled in a public school who have been identified as English learners are required to take the OELPA annually. A student who achieves an overall score of "proficient" on the OELPA is reclassified as a former English learner. The OELPA was developed by the English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21) consortium. Eight states belong to the consortium: Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia. OELPA is Ohio's title for the same ELPA21 test administered by the other ELPA states.

ACT (State Testing)	Feb/Mar	11	Paper Testing (all except writing)	215 minutes	Reports mailed in April
ACT (State Testing)	Feb/Mar	11	Accommodation Testing Window	Varies depending on accommodation	

Purpose: The Ohio Department of Education has required all school districts to administer the ACT or SAT to all juniors in the spring of 2018. Sycamore High School has made the decision based upon our student testing data to administer the paper-pencil version of the ACT to all juniors. The ACT test includes multiple-choice tests in English, Reading, Mathematics, and Science. The ACT test scores will provide information about your student's progress toward college readiness and is widely used by colleges in making decisions about admission. Students who take The ACT will be able to report their ACT scores with up to four colleges or universities for free. Students have the opportunity to choose their schools during the pre-administration session in early February.

AIR	April	9-10	ELA I & II Part 1 & 2 Algebra/Geometry American History/Government Biology	105 -180 minutes	Mailed in August /September
AIR	Late April	All Grades	Make-Up Window	105-180 minutes	

Purpose (Spring): For each of the seven end-of-course state tests, a student earns one to five graduation points. Students have the potential to earn a total of 35 points. To meet this graduation pathway, a student must earn a minimum number of 18 points from the seven tests. This graduation pathway gives a student flexibility in accumulating 18 points. A high score on one test can balance a low score on another test. A student must earn a total of at least four points on English tests, four points on math tests and six points on science and social studies tests. English testing window is April 1st -April 19th. Math, Science, Social Studies window will be April 11th - May 1st.

AP	Early-Mid May	All Grades	Dates vary by test	~240 minutes	Online in July
AP Makeups	Late May	All Grades	Dates vary by test	~240 minutes	Online in August

Purpose: By taking an AP course and scoring successfully on the related AP Exam, you can save on college expenses: most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam scores. These credits can allow students to save college tuition, study abroad, or secure a second major. AP can transform what once seemed unattainable into something within reach. Check out specific colleges' guidelines on accepting AP scores for credit and placement by searching our [AP Credit Policy database](#).