

What question(s) do you have about college testing (ACT and/or SAT)?	
How do you register to take the tests?	-ACT: www.actstudent.org -SAT: www.collegeboard.org
When and where can you take the tests?	-ACT and SAT tests are offered throughout the year at various locations throughout the Valley. When you go to their website to register, you will be able to select the test you'd like to take, along with an available location. -ACT is being offered at SDOHS on March 30 th . All Juniors and their parents were sent an email with registration information on 3/4/21 from Jennifer Swaine.
What is the cost?	-ACT at SDOHS on March 30 th is free to Juniors -ACT normally costs about \$55: https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/fees.html -SAT normally costs about \$52: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/fees
What is the best date to take by for college applications?	-Junior year is a great time to take the ACT and/or SAT -Students can continue to take the tests (and retake them) throughout their Senior year.
How are test results submitted to colleges?	-Students can select several colleges to have their scores automatically sent to, when they complete the pre-administration steps for the test. This option is free. -Students can choose to send their scores after they receive their test results, by paying a fee and requesting their scores via the ACTstudent.org or collegeboard.org websites.
How many times can you take the test?	-as many times as you'd like
Which test (if either) are still required?	-For in-state universities, neither are required for admissions. An SAT/ACT score can help a student earn a scholarship(s) and/or can help a student be admitted to the university if they do not meet all of the admissions criteria. -For out-of-state universities, a specific SAT or ACT score may be required for admissions. Students should check with all colleges to find out if a specific test is required.
What score is looked at more by colleges, ACT or SAT?	-in-state universities will accept either, but do not prefer one over the other. -out-of-state universities may have specific requirements/preferences. Students should check with out-of-state colleges to find this information.
Are students required to take both tests?	-no (unless an out-of-state college requires this)
Why did AZ universities drop the SAT/ACT requirement for 2021?	-many testing sites were cancelling tests due to COVID-19, so universities did not require them for scholarships. SAT/ACT tests are not required for admissions.

Have in-state colleges waived SAT/ACT for 2022 grads?	-this has not yet been determined
I saw the email that SDOHS was hosting ACT but my son and husband didn't. They signed up for the ACT at another location for April. I don't think he will take both. Is there something I can do to sign him up for the test at SDOHS and get the money back?	-contact ACT, to find out if they will be able to refund you or not. -Here is a link to the ACT Billing Question page: https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/fees/billing-questions.html -Your son is already signed up for the ACT test on March 30 th at SDOHS, he just needs to complete his pre-administration by 3/12/21 (information was sent in an email from Jennifer Swaine and will be provided by ELA teachers)
What are the pros and cons of doing the essay portion of the SAT?	-Getting a high score on a specific area of the ACT and/or SAT can help a student who has a deficiency in one of the core subject areas that in-state colleges look at for admissions. This may vary from college to college, so please reach out to a college rep for a specific answer. Our college rep's contact information can be found here: https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/1699
How many times can he take the SAT? Is it only for Seniors?	-as many times as you'd like! -Any high school student can take the SAT/ACT, however, students typically take those tests during their Junior and/or Senior years.
Will these be required to attend ASU, GCU or NAU?	-no
What are the best practices for preparing?	-There are free and for-a-fee resources out there. Here is a link to the resources we have on our SDOHS Counseling Webpage: https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/29542 -SAT and ACT offer practice tests on their websites: ACT: https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html SAT: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice
When is the ACT test date?	-March 30 th at SDOHS -Other upcoming ACT test dates: https://www.act.org/content/act/en/register-for-the-act.html
Any plans for SAT to be held at OC in 2021?	-no
What are the benefits of the ACT versus the SAT?	https://www.princetonreview.com/college/sat-act
What scores are needed to secure academic scholarships?	-this varies from university to university. In-state university scholarship estimators can be found here: https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/28992

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What question(s) do you have about financial aid and scholarships?	
How do students apply for scholarships?	<p>-students should first apply for admissions to the in-state university(ies), which may also qualify them for the merit scholarships that they may have earned.</p> <p>-Starting October 2021, students can also apply for FAFSA, which may qualify them for Grants and/or student loans: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</p> <p>-O'Connor scholarship resources can be found here: https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/28992 or here: https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/28913</p>
When should we start applying for them?	<p>-students can start applying for private scholarships as soon as they are eligible (eligibility differs from scholarship to scholarship)</p> <p>-for merit scholarships at the universities, they can start applying once they have completed their college application (typically in the summer prior to their Senior year)</p>
Do all scholarships require an application, or are any automatic based on qualifying criteria (e.g. GPA)?	<p>-Merit Scholarships at the in-state universities are awarded automatically, once a student applies to the university and if they qualify for the scholarship(s)</p> <p>-Additional scholarships can be applied for both within the university and at private entities, companies, etc.</p>
Which is the lowest GPA a student can get to receive scholarship money?	<p>-GCU: 3.0 (although it was a 2.8 this year due to COVID)</p> <p>-NAU: 2.9</p> <p>-UofA: 2.75</p> <p>-ASU: 3.0</p>
How do we get information on resources (web sites) to search for available scholarships?	<p>-https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/28913</p> <p>-https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/28992</p>
What academic scholarships are available for state universities and colleges?	<p>-ASU: https://students.asu.edu/scholarships?destination=node/13680</p> <p>-NAU: https://nau.edu/office-of-scholarships-and-financial-aid/freshman-merit-based-tuition-scholarships/</p> <p>-UofA: https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships</p> <p>-GCU: https://www.gcu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships-grants</p>
At what point should a student start applying for scholarships if it is still unknown where they are going to attend?	<p>-students can start applying for private scholarships as soon as they are eligible (eligibility differs from scholarship to scholarship)</p> <p>-for merit scholarships at the universities, they can start applying once they have completed their college application (typically in the summer prior to their Senior year)</p>

What is the Lumberjack scholarship for NAU?	- https://nau.edu/office-of-scholarships-and-financial-aid/freshman-merit-based-tuition-scholarships/
Is it a requirement to sign up with the FAFSA in order to receive some scholarships?	-not all, but some scholarships may require a completed FAFSA application on file
Which tax year is the most important when applying for financial aid?	-For the October 2021 FAFSA application, 2020 Tax information is required
What are you missing out on if you don't sign up for the FAFSA?	-you could be missing out on potential grant awards, student loan offers, and scholarship consideration (for a scholarship that requires a completed FAFSA application)
Is there any scholarships based on merit and not financial need?	-Yes. Merit scholarships are not based on financial need
Are there scholarship options for athletes with a decent GPA?	-There could be. Student athletes should work with their coaches regarding athletic scholarship opportunities
Are all scholarships through FAFSA?	-No, not all scholarships require a completed FAFSA application