



Dreher High School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This spring, the South Carolina Department of Education has agreed to fund and offer either the ACT or SAT to every student in the third or fourth year of high school. The ACT and SAT are college entrance exams that produce scores that students may use for obtaining admission to college.

Parents have the opportunity to designate which test -- either the ACT or SAT (or neither) -- they would like their children to take. These tests will be offered during a regular school day at no cost to families. The ACT date is March 11; the SAT will be administered in March on a date to be determined. Most colleges will accept either exam in making admissions determinations. This year, the ACT is a paper-and-pencil exam, while the SAT will be administered online via school laptops.

Testing is optional, but parents may designate only **one** test for their child to take through this state-sponsored testing program. Please use the enclosed form to designate the test you would like your child to take. If you do not want your student to take either exam, please check the appropriate box. A chart summarizing the characteristics of each test is printed on the reverse of this page.

Parents who wish to have their children re-take a test or take both tests should be aware that both the ACT and SAT are offered multiple times per year on Saturdays in addition to this school-day test. Students may register for Saturday test dates at www.act.org or www.sat.org.

Please complete the enclosed designation form and return to Kevin Kirkley in the counseling office at Dreher no later than **December 6, 2024**. If this form is not received by the end of the school day on the day of the deadline, your student will not be tested with either assessment. For questions, please contact Kevin Kirkley in the counseling office at (803) 253-7016 or kevin.kirkley@richlandone.org.

Sincerely,

Dreher Counseling Department

School-Day SAT and ACT at a Glance 2024-25

| Structure and Timing | SAT | ACT |
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| Testing time | 2 hours 14 minutes | 2 hours 55 minutes |
| Structure | 2 subtests, administered online | 4 subtests, administered via paper-and-pencil |
| Number of questions | 98 | 215 |
| Score range | <p>Composite 400–1600</p> <p>Two subtest scores: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math (subtest scores range from 200-800 and then are added together to produce composite score)</p> | <p>Composite 1–36</p> <p>Four subtests: Reading, English, Math, and Science (subtest scores range from 1-36 and then are averaged to produce composite score)</p> |
| Test length and timing | <p>Reading and Writing Test 64 minutes 54 questions (split into two modules)</p> <p>Math Test 70 minutes 44 questions (split into two modules)</p> | <p>Reading Test 35 minutes 40 questions</p> <p>English Test 45 minutes 75 questions</p> <p>Math Test 60 minutes 60 questions</p> <p>Science Test 35 minutes 40 questions</p> |
| Free School-Day Test Date | March 2025 (exact date TBD) | March 11, 2025 |
| Websites for more information or to register for other test dates | www.sat.org | www.actstudent.org |
| Free Practice | www.satpractice.org | https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html |