

GEARING UP FOR TESTING

SAT & ACT COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

- It is recommended that all college bound students take the ACT and/or SAT Reasoning Test in the Spring of their Junior year.
- Registration information and practice guides are available in the Guidance Office and online.
- **It is the student's responsibility to complete the registration directly with the testing company.**
- Virtually all colleges accept results from both the SAT Reasoning Test and the ACT Test. Some students find they do better on one than the other. So, what makes the two tests different? According to the College Board, the SAT Reasoning Test assesses how well students analyze and solve problems-skills learned in school that are needed in college. According to ACT, the ACT Test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.
- Students applying to selective schools will also need to plan on taking the SAT Subject Tests (formerly Achievement Tests). These tests are given on the same dates and at the same sites as the SAT Reasoning Test.
- How to decide? Review your scores from the PSAT exam. Another good approach is to practice for each test. (You can do this inexpensively using test prep books and free online practices tests.) If your scores are markedly different, focus on the test with the better results.
- The only way to know definitely which test to take is to check the requirements of the school you plan to attend. Many students will take the SAT Reasoning Test and ACT.

PREPARATION TIPS FOR TAKING AN ADMISSIONS TEST

- Obtain and study the current and official descriptive material for the test: "*Preparing for the ACT*" (www.actstudent.org), "*SAT Preparation Booklet*" and "*SAT Subject Tests Preparation Booklet*" (www.satpractice.org). Limited supplies may be available in the guidance office.
- Take at least one practice test under the same time limits as an actual test.
- Take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) as a sophomore and a junior. (This is the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test for juniors.) All juniors are pre-registered and paid for by the school district.
- Review areas of knowledge where the practice test showed a weakness.
- Explore the help and support that may be available to you from your school, community agencies and other agencies.
- ACT has an optional 30 minute Writing test section. Many universities encourage you to take this test.
- The SAT Reasoning Test includes a writing section that combines multiple-choice items with a 25-minute essay.
- Retest if, after taking the test the first time, you found you were not familiar or comfortable with the test procedures, or if your score was lower than your reasonable expectations.

RESOURCES

- INTERNET SITES:

Check www.CollegeBoard.org for new information and services.

For ACT test preparation help visit: <http://www.ACTonlineprep.com>

- Public Library and local bookstores: Offer a variety of manuals and test prep guidebooks, as well as computer programs.
- Private Tutors: Students are encouraged to check out local businesses for test prep assistance.
- *March 2 Success* is a free on-line resource to help improve performance on standardized tests while enhancing math, science and English skills go to: <http://www.march2success.com>

Dublin Coffman 2024-25 Test Dates

PSAT

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 7:55 AM	ALL JUNIORS Grade 9 & 10 (optional)	Automatically Registered \$25 via Payschools by 9/20/2024

ACT – www.ACT.org

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u> (fee required)
September 14, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 25, 2024
October 26, 2024 (DSHS)	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024
December 14, 2024 (DJHS)	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2025
February 8, 2025 (DCHS)	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 19, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 16, 2025	June 20, 2025

SAT – www.CollegeBoard.org

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u> (online only / fee required)
August 24, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 13, 2024
October 5, 2024 (DSHS)	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024
December 7, 2024 (DCHS)	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024
March 8, 2025 **	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025 **	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025 ** (DJHS)	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

*An official SAT will be administered to **ALL JUNIORS** on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at no cost to students.*

*** DIGITAL - SAT Subject Tests are NOT offered on this date.*

PLEASE VERIFY ALL DATES ON THE ACT/SAT WEBSITES FOR ACCURACY AND/OR CHANGES

For the ACT and SAT it is the student's responsibility to complete the registration directly with the testing company. The companies prefer that you register online.

CEEB CODE FOR DUBLIN COFFMAN HIGH SCHOOL: 361995
 CEEB CODE FOR DUBLIN JEROME HIGH SCHOOL: 365076
 CEEB CODE FOR DUBLIN SCIOTO HIGH SCHOOL: 361997

AP EXAMS – www.CollegeBoard.org

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
May 5 – May 16, 2025	Opens: August 14, 2024 Closes: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 12:00 noon (Register online via DCS PaySchools / Guidance Office)

IB EXAMS – www.IBO.org

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
April 23 – May 16, 2025	11 th & 12 th grade students Payment is due with registration. (Register on-line via DCS PaySchools / Guidance Office)

ASVAB – www.OfficialASVAB.com

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery assessment will be offered on **Friday, November 8th at 7:55 AM in the LIBRARY**, All Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors can >> **Sign up Online** << in Schoolinks << by **Friday, November 1st 2024**.