



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 10; the SAT will be administered on March 18 (with a Digital Readiness Check/laptop setup one week prior on March 11). 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 **November 21, 2025**. 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 2025-26

Structure and Timing	SAT	ACT
Testing time	2 hours 14 minutes	2 hours 5 minutes (core test) + 40-minute separate science section
Structure	2 tests, administered online	3 tests + separate science section, administered via paper-and-pencil
Number of questions	98	131 plus 40 science questions
Score range	Composite 400–1600 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)	Composite 1–36 Three subtests: Reading, English, and Math (subtest scores range from 1-36 and then are averaged to produce composite score); separate science score from 1-36
Test length and timing	Reading and Writing Test 64 minutes 54 questions (split into two modules) Math Test 70 minutes 44 questions (split into two modules)	Reading Test 40 minutes 36 questions English Test 35 minutes 50 questions Math Test 50 minutes 45 questions Science Test 40 minutes 40 questions
Free School-Day Test Date	March 11 (laptop setup) March 18 (actual test date)	March 10, 2026
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