



Testing Overview at MHS

2025-2026



College Admissions Tests



ACT – School Day Vs National

ACT offered at MHS (District/State)

- 11th Grade Only
- TBD Date (Likely March or April)
- Link to register will go out via email in December
- MHS hosted – staff proctored
- Limited testing accommodations (no multi-day)
- Takes place during school day

National ACT

- Saturdays -seven times a year
- Register on www.act.org
- MHS hosts October, December and February this year, few each, but there are many different host locations
- Various accommodations can be met
- MHS is now a digital BYOD for Saturdays. Students cannot use an ipad. Only window or macbook laptop compatible.



SAT

- MHS does not offer a school-day SAT
- SAT takes place on Saturdays seven times a year
- MHS hosts the October, November and June exam dates for the 2025-26 school year.
- Students register online at www.sat.org



PSAT/NMSQT- October

- Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
- For 11th grade students
- Great practice exam for SAT
- Main entry point for National Merit consideration (only the top 1% of scores in state qualify)
- Registration ends tomorrow (Sept 26th) at 12:00 PM.



PSAT10: March 9, 2026

- The practice to the practice SAT
- Only for 10th grade
- Registration email to go out the weekend of January 10th 2026



College Credit Exams



AP

- Potential college credit
- Potential weighted MHS grade (+1.0)
- For any grade
- The associated AP class is highly recommended (but not required) to register for the AP exam
 - 28 AP Exams Offered (2025-26)
- Registration is two steps (sent via email link on Sept 24th):
 - Reserve exam in AP Classroom
 - Pay in Total Registration



IB

- Potential college credit
- Potential weighted MHS grade (+1.0)
- For 11th and 12th grade students only
- The associated IB class is required
 - 28 IB Exams Offered (2025-26)
- Registration is one step (sent via email link on September 24th):
 - Pay in Total Registration



State-Mandated Exams



MCA/MTAS

- Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment
 - April 9 (Tonka Online ONLY)
 - April 14 - April 16 (in-class, regular schedule)
 - April 20 (make-up)
- MHS is required to administer these exams by State of Minnesota
- Test information will be sent in the late Winter/early Spring via email
- Tests are important for the school district:
 - Identify areas to improve curriculum
 - Measure student progress around Minnesota Academic Standards
 - Hold schools accountable for meeting Minnesota Academic Standards



Language Exams



Language Exams

- Potential college credit
- February 19 - February 27 (may go longer in immersion classrooms)
 - STAMP – Popular languages (Spanish, Mandarin, ASL, etc.)
 - Extempore – Semi-popular languages, native languages (Vietnamese, Ojibwe, etc.)
 - ALTA – Less popular languages (Albanian, Danish, etc.)
 - HSK – Specific for Chinese students attempting to live/work in China post-secondary



STAMP

- A full 4-standard test: Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking
- ASL - Expressive and Receptive
- Who Registers?
 - -All 10th grade students in Spanish or Chinese immersion automatically registered
 - -All ASL 4 Students automatically registered
 - -Choice to Register – Any heritage speakers from 10 – 12th grade (need not be in any language classes)
- Registration information sent via email in November



Extempore

- 3-Standard Test (Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking) – each test is missing one
- Any 10 – 12th grade student can register via email link that is sent in November
- Languages that aren't available in STAMP's 4s will be given in Extempore (if possible)



ALTA

- 2-Standard Test (Listening, Speaking)
- Any 10 – 12th grade student can register via email link that is sent in November
- Languages that aren't available in STAMP's 4s or Extempore (if possible)



HSK

- A mandated Chinese government exam for students wishing to work/live in China.
- Work with Chinese immersion teachers for registration (typically in the late Winter)



Registration Deadlines

- **PSAT/NMSQT** – September 26th, 2025 at 12:00 PM
- **AP** – October 20th, 2025 (Full-year and Sem1 classes)
 - TBD for Sem2 only classes
- **IB** – October 19th, 2025
- **STAMP/ALTA/Extempore** – December 5th, 2025
- **ACT (District)** – January 9th, 2026
- **PSAT10** – January 30th, 2026
- **ACCESS** – Automatically Registered
- **ASL STAMP** – Automatically Registered
- **MCAs** – Automatically Registered
- **ACT (National)** – See website, www.act.org
- **SAT (National)** – See website, www.sat.org
- **HSK** – See Chinese Teacher



Test Dates

2025

- PSAT/NMSQT: October 15th, 2025

2026

- ACCESS: Feb 20 (Periods 5&6)
ACCESS: Feb 25 (Periods 1&2)
ACCESS: Feb 27 (Periods 3&4)
- ASL STAMP: February 19 - 27, 2026
STAMP: February 19 - 27, 2026
Extempore: February 19 - 27, 2026
ALTA: February or March 2026
- PSAT10: March 3rd, 2026

2026 (continued)

- ACT (District): TBD (March or April 2026 expected)
- MCAs: April 9th (Tonka Online)
MCAs: April 15th – 17th (Regular)
MCAs: April 21 (Make-up)
- IB: April 28 – May 21, 2026
- AP: May 5th – May 30th, 2026
- HSK: Late Spring 2026

Ongoing / National Dates

- ACT (National): See website. www.act.org
- SAT (National): See website. www.sat.org



Guide to Requesting Accommodations

- CollegeBoard: AP, SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT10
- ACT: ACT, PreACT
- International Baccalaureate: IB
- [Guide to Requesting Accommodations](#)



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