

Dear Upper Mids and Families,

During the fall semester, Upper Mids are permitted to take one SAT -or- one ACT, and will only be excused from Saturday classes once. After the fall, there will be ample opportunities to take the SAT and/or the ACT. Beginning with the February 2027 ACT, Upper Mids are excused from Saturday classes for all standardized tests that they wish to take.

The SAT is offered to Upper Mids on October 3 and November 7, and Upper Mids may register for one of the dates, but not both (unless they fall on a no-class Saturday). The SAT is a fully digital test, and students are required to use their own laptops with the [Bluebook testing application](#) installed. Registration for all SATs (including August 22 at a test center near your home), must be completed at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>.

The ACT is offered on October 17 for Upper Mids who prefer to take the ACT instead of the SAT. The ACT is administered digitally. Students will be required to use their own laptops, with the [ACT Gateway application](#) installed. Hotchkiss has been approved to administer these tests as an “Unlisted” test center, which means that it will be visible only to those who have the secret test center code. It is very important that this code is not shared with anyone. Registration will be open by the end of July, and must be completed through the [ACT website](#). You will need to enter the TEST CENTER CODE 250300. DO NOT SHARE THE CODE. You should register for “Bring Your Own Device/Online Testing.” More information and instructions will be included in the August *Family Update*.

Upper Mids should not take the December SAT or ACT, as they should be preparing for Hotchkiss exams at this time of year.

The [PSAT](#) will be offered on October 14. Upper Mids have the option of taking this test, it is not required. Students who are in their third year of high school should take the PSAT if they want to be entered in the National Merit Scholarship competition. The PSAT is administered digitally. Students will be required to bring a fully charged laptop with the [Bluebook testing application](#) installed. Registration and payment will take place in September, and the Class of 2028 will receive more information and instructions at that time.

College Board offers free, online practice tests for [SAT](#) and [PSAT](#), as does [ACT](#).

Hotchkiss has contracted with *Method Learning*, which offers online preparation for both SAT and ACT. This program offers self-paced instruction, practice quizzes, and full-length tests. To access this program and create a Methodize account go to <https://methodize.methodlearning.com/join/ik8ewex>.

On-site SAT preparation classes will be offered in the winter/spring of 2027, and information about these options will be provided in December.

If you have questions about test administration or registration procedures, please contact [Laurie Grusauski](#). If you need guidance about which test(s) to take, please contact the College Office.

Standardized Test Dates 2026 - 2027

SAT (Register at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>)

Registration Deadline:

August 22, 2026 *(not given at Hotchkiss)*

September 12, 2026 (Seniors only)

October 3, 2026

November 7, 2026

December 5, 2026

March 6, 2027 *(not given at Hotchkiss)*

May 1, 2027

June 5, 2027

August 7 / Late Fee August 11

August 28 / Late Fee September 1

September 18 / Late Fee September 22

October 23 / Late Fee October 27

November 20 / Late Fee November 24

February 19 / Late Fee February 23

April 16 / Late Fee April 20

May 21 / Late Fee May 25

PSAT (Students will receive information and registration instructions in September)

October 14, 2026

September 23, 2026

ACT (Register at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>)

Hotchkiss is a private ACT test center, and students will be sent the secret registration code in advance of each test registration deadline

September 19, 2026 *(not given at Hotchkiss, no transportation)*

October 17, 2026

December 12, 2026

(not given at Hotchkiss, no transportation, students not excused from classes/end-of-term assessments/projects/papers)

February 27, 2027

(not given at Hotchkiss, no transportation)

April 10, 2027 *(registration code will be shared in January)*

June 12, 2027 *(not given at Hotchkiss)*

July 10, 2027 *(not given at Hotchkiss)*

August 14 / Late Fee September 1

September 11 / Late Fee September 29

November 6 / Late Fee November 29

January 22 / Late Fee February 9

March 5 / Late Fee March 23

May 7 / Late Fee May 25

June 4 / Late Fee June 22

AP Exams *(Detailed registration instructions will be sent to students and families in the fall)*

May 3-7 and 10-14, 2027

November 8, 2026